



Stop Global Warming in Wisconsin

Global warming is an urgent threat to Wisconsin's environment, public health and economy. A changing climate - with more storms, heat waves, droughts and floods - will wreak havoc on our farms, lakes, forests and wildlife. In addition, increases in temperatures will lead to more smog in our urban cities, making childhood asthma and other heat-related illnesses more prevalent.

Wisconsin's dependence on old, dirty energy sources like coal and oil have put us far ahead of the national average in the amount of global warming pollutants we emit. In fact, since 1990, Wisconsin's global warming pollution has increased 25%.

Wisconsin citizens enthusiastically support tackling the threats of global warming because, in our state, the threats easily translate into unique opportunities for economic growth. Wisconsin car manufacturers can lead the nation in producing fuel-efficient vehicles. Wisconsin innovators can create the model for the best new conservation measures. Wisconsin businesses can develop the techniques to best utilize all energy sources. And, Wisconsin can make these changes early, so other states will follow our lead. Better yet, as scientists guarantee, these early changes will have the greatest long-term benefits for the climate itself.

Stopping global warming means more than generating energy from clean, homegrown sources like wind and solar power. It means saving consumers money on their gas and heating bills. It means bolstering our research and manufacturing base. And it means creating thousands of new jobs in Wisconsin to develop and install these technologies. With the proper leadership, Wisconsin will thrive in the new energy economy.

Solution

To stop global warming, legislators must adopt a science-based plan to reduce Wisconsin's global warming emissions, while at the same time, creating a clean energy economy. This session, legislators must enact legislation that will:

- 1) Increase Wisconsin's commitment to utilizing clean, renewable sources of energy to 10% by 2013, 20% by 2020, and 25% by 2025;
- 2) Reduce energy usage by 2% per year, by requiring more energy efficient appliances, improved building codes and statewide energy efficiency programming;
- 3) Promote the next generation of high efficiency vehicles by adopting clean cars and low carbon fuels policies;
- 4) Place great emphasis on immediate measures to reduce global warming emissions by mandating early reductions over larger ones later;
- 5) Create a cap and trade program to provide market incentives for companies to reduce their emissions.

Results

Stopping Global Warming in Wisconsin will:

- Invigorate Wisconsin's economy by creating good-paying, new jobs and fostering the opportunity for our state to become a leader in innovative technologies nationwide;
- Reduce Wisconsin's dependence on foreign oil by creating abundant renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and bio-fuels;
- Protect the quality of life for Wisconsin's current and future citizens by allowing farms, businesses, and to avoid the worst consequences of global warming.

**Let your legislators know you want to Stop Global Warming-
Join us for Conservation Lobby Day 2009 on Wednesday, February 25th!**

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