

Eshoo Votes for Historic Energy Legislation

Bill Will Spark a Clean Energy Transformation for the U.S.

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Washington, D.C. — Rep. Anna G. Eshoo (D — Palo Alto) today voted for the American Clean Energy and Security Act, a bill that will move America toward a clean energy future. The legislation, which includes several provisions written by Rep. Eshoo, will enhance America's energy independence and protect the environment, while saving consumers billions of dollars in energy costs. The bill passed by a vote of 219-212.

“The nation is ready for us to act and today we will fulfill our duty and responsibility to our country by addressing our reliance on fossil fuels and how it jeopardizes our national security and our planet. The bill will move the U.S. into a global leadership position and create a new sector to our national economy — a clean energy sector — creating new jobs and new growth for American workers. It will spur new sources of energy — solar, wind, and geothermal — and it will spur new energy savings through new energy efficiency standards,” said Rep. Eshoo.

The American Clean Energy and Security Act will save consumers hundreds of billions of dollars in energy costs, and cut global warming pollution 80% by 2050.

The following are key provisions of the bill:

- Require electric utilities to meet 20% of their electricity demand through renewable energy resources and energy efficiency by 2020
- Invest in new clean energy technologies and energy efficiency, including energy efficiency and renewable energy (\$90 billion in new investments by 2025), carbon capture and sequestration (\$60 billion), electric and other advanced technology vehicles (\$20 billion), and basic scientific research and development (\$20 billion)
- Mandate new energy-saving standards for buildings, appliances, and industry
- Protect consumers from energy price increases. According to estimates from the Environmental Protection Agency, the reductions in carbon pollution required by the legislation will cost American families less than a postage stamp per day

The bill also includes several provisions written by Rep. Eshoo that spur the deployment of and develop the infrastructure for electric drive vehicles, help drive the adoption of energy efficient information and communications technologies in the federal government, incentivize renewable energy projects such as solar projects, and create a National Clean Technology Business Competition to help accelerate the growth of clean technology companies in America.

“Through the American Clean Energy and Security Act, there will be an investment of \$190 billion in new clean energy technologies and energy efficiencies, creating jobs, and spurring on new industries. In my home district of Silicon Valley, dozens of innovative companies at the cutting edge of clean energy technology are poised to create a thriving green industry providing healthy, sustainable economic growth in our region. These companies are looking to the future and see the opportunities that will be created by passing this bill,” said Rep. Eshoo.

The bill is supported by a broad coalition of environmental, faith-based, industry, and labor groups, including: PG&E, Consumers Union, Sierra Club, Blue Green Alliance, Sun Microsystems, Applied Materials, Hewlett-Packard, National Venture Capital Association, Service Employees International Union, Dow Chemical, National Council of Churches, League of Conservation Voters, and United Auto Workers.

[Click here](#) to see Rep. Eshoo speak on the House floor about the American Clean Energy and Security Act.

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