NEWLY ELECTED SENATORS IN THE 116TH CONGRESS

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Senator KYRSTEN SINEMA [ARIZONA]

Party Affiliation
Democrat

Representative Replaced
Jeff Flake (R)

Committee Assignments
Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Veterans’ Affairs; Special Committee on Aging

Prior Public Service
U.S. House of Representatives (2012–2018), served on the Committee on Financial Services

Line of Work
Politician, Social Worker

Major Campaign Agenda Items
“Fixing a dysfunctional Washington,” Affordable Healthcare for All; VA Reform; National Security/Defeating ISIS; Seniors (Strengthen Social Security and Medicare); School Funding/Affordable College or Skills Training; Immigration reform (Protect DREAMers); Women and Families

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
None of particular relevance

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy
Member of the House Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Caucus in 2017

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
League of Conservation Voters Scorecard: http://scorecard.lcv.org/moc/kyrsten-sinema

She supports “thoughtful and reasonable approaches to reduce climate pollution while ensuring Arizona families and businesses have affordable, reliable energy to power our economy into the future.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
As a member of the House, Sinema voted against the Keystone XL pipeline and additional oil drilling. However, she sat out the Clean Power Plan fight and didn’t sign onto an amicus brief supporting the plan. In 2015, Sinema supported legislation (H.R. 2042) that would allow states to delay compliance efforts with the CPP and enable governors to opt out of the regulation in certain circumstances

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
Supports “common sense policies like the renewable tax credit, energy efficiency incentives, and state-level renewable portfolios that reduce emissions and provide a smooth transition to cleaner sources of energy.”

Public Statements/Positions on Transportation
None of particular relevance

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Clean Energy Jobs in State
41,886
Senator Martha McSally (Arizona)

Party Affiliation
Republican

Representative Replaced
John McCain (R)

Committee Assignments
Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Energy and Natural Resources; Indian Affairs; Special Committee on Aging

Prior Public Service
U.S. House of Representatives (2015–2018), served on the House Committee on Armed Services and the Committee on Homeland Security

Line of Work
Air Force; Professor

Major Campaign Agenda Items
Veterans; Military; Border Security; National Security

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
None of particular relevance

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy
Has received a lifetime score of 6% from the League of Conservation Voters National Environmental Scorecard.

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
“Our environment and the Earth’s climate are changing and there is likely a human element to it. Since 2005, the U.S. has reduced energy-related carbon emissions by 14 percent, however, this is due to technological advances that have allowed our nation to tap into affordable abundant resources, not a heavy handed government approach. Crushing regulations such as the Obama administration’s Clean Power Plan and the Waters of the United States, only serve as federal overreaches that further burden Arizona’s small businesses and farmers and harm those in poverty with increased utility bills.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
As a member of the house, voted against Clean Power Plan.

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
“Our future depends on water. We need to conserve and manage our water resources to get the most out of each drop... I have been advocating for changes in the Farm Bill that will help Arizona take advantage of more federal water conservation resources so that we can complete new conservation projects, build storage capacity, and implement new technologies to ensure that we continue to have a reliable source of water for our families, farmers, and businesses.”
“I worked to ensure that Arizona receives an equitable share of U.S. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program funds that are used to help seniors, disabled, preschoolers, and other vulnerable families heat, cool, and optimize energy efficiency in their homes.”

Public Statements/Positions on Transportation
None of particular relevance

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Clean Energy Jobs in State
41,886
Senator Rick Scott [Florida]

Party Affiliation
Republican

Representative Replaced
Bill Nelson (D)

Committee Assignments
Armed Services; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Budget; Special Committee on Aging

Prior Public Service
Governor of Florida (2011-2018)

Line of Work
Navy, Venture Capitalist, Lawyer

Major Campaign Agenda Items
Repeal and Replace ACA; 2nd Amendment; Congressional Term Limits; Tax Cuts; Disaster Preparedness; Education; Environment; Infrastructure and Transportation; Israel; Public Safety; Veterans and Military

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
None of particular relevance

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy
In June of 2017, Scott signed Senate Bill 90, a bill that expanded tax breaks for renewable energy sources including solar panels on commercial and industrial buildings and extended tax breaks for residential properties.

Issued a proclamation recognizing September 24-28, 2018 as National Clean Energy Week

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
Fond of saying “I’m not a scientist” when questioned on climate change and does not use the term in official documents. Earlier this year, eight young people sued Scott for failing to take appropriate action on climate threats.

In 2010 Scott signed the No Climate Tax Pledge which states: “I pledge to the taxpayers of my state, and to the American people, that I will oppose any legislation relating to climate change that includes a net increase in government revenue.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
"As we explore the expansion of domestic drilling in the U.S. we must ensure that we have sound policies in place that ensure the companies drilling are doing so in an environmentally sound way and adhering to the strictest of safety standards. ... Rick supports expansion of nuclear power, use of alternative fuels and off-shore drilling."

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
As governor, Scott promoted a three-day sales tax-free holiday on Energy Star and WaterSense products as part of the It’s Your Money Tax Cut Budget.

Public Statements/Positions on Transportation
None of particular relevance

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Clean Energy Jobs in State
112,620
Senator Mike Braun (Indiana)

Party Affiliation
Republican

Representative Replaced
Joe Donnelly (D)

Committee Assignments
Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Environment and Public Works; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Budget; Special Committee on Aging

Prior Public Service

Line of Work
Businessman

Major Campaign Agenda Items
2nd Amendment; Job Creation and Tax Reduction; Draining the Swamp; Healthcare Reform (repeal ACA); Reducing Government Spending; Border Security (Build a wall, defund sanctuary cities); Military Support; Pro-Life

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
None of particular relevance

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy
None of particular relevance

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
In a late October debate Braun said, “We’ve got to have clean air and we’ve got to have clean water…. I’ve been a tree farmer. I’ve been a conservationist. I’ll always be attentive to it.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
“You can’t do what the Democrats did and start picking winners and losers by trying to prop up industries that may be part of the long-term solution…. And we now have got energy independence, and that has got to be always taken into consideration while you’re keeping the environment in healthy condition.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
None of particular relevance.

Public Statements/Positions on Transportation
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Clean Energy Jobs in State
53,963
**Senator Josh Hawley (Missouri)**

**Party Affiliation**  
Republican

**Representative Replaced**  
Claire McCaskill (D)

**Committee Assignments**  
Armed Services; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Judiciary; Special Committee on Aging

**Prior Public Service**  
State Attorney General (2017-2018)

**Line of Work**  
Lawyer

**Major Campaign Agenda Items**  
Religious Liberty; Constitutional Conservativism; “Taking on the Big and Powerful” by fighting opioid manufacturers and technology companies compromising personal information (including Google)

**Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy**  
None of particular relevance

**Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy**  
None of particular relevance

**Public Statements/Positions on Climate**  
During the campaign he stated: “Yes, we need to be good stewards of the environment without killing jobs for working families in our state,” noting that McCaskill sides with “radical environmentalists every time.”

As state AG, he dissolved the agriculture and environment division the attorney general’s office.

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy**  
Against the Clean Power Plan, saying it would hurt Missouri by driving energy prices up. After Missouri challenged the regulations in federal court, Hawley said “This is a major win for the people of Missouri.” Opposes WOTUS on the basis of regulatory overreach.

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency**  
None of particular relevance

**Public Statements/Positions on Transportation**  
None of particular relevance

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**Clean Energy Jobs in State**  
40,166
Senator Kevin Cramer [North Dakota]

Party Affiliation
Republican

Representative Replaced
Heidi Heitkamp (D)

Committee Assignments
Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; Environment and Public Works; Budget; Veterans’ Affairs

Prior Public Service
Chairman of the North Dakota Republican Party (1991-1993)
State Tourism Director (1993-1997)
Economic Development Director (1997- )
Public Service Commission

Line of Work
State Politics, Party Official

Major Campaign Agenda Items
Tax cuts, National security, Regulatory reform; Opposition to the Waters of the U.S. rule; Border Security (border wall, defund sanctuary cities, stop chain migration); “All-of-the-above” energy (supports coal, oil, natural gas, and wind and is against regulations that create roadblocks for use and investment of these resources); Pro-life; Farm Bill; Repeal & Replace ACA; Military Support; 2nd Amendment; Social Security & Medicare

Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy
None of particular relevance

Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy
None of particular relevance

Public Statements/Positions on Climate
Statement on withdrawal from Paris Climate Agreement: “From the beginning, President Trump was looking for a deal that would benefit our nation, and it’s clear he thoughtfully weighed all his options over the past several weeks. The Paris Climate Agreement, in current form, would be terrible for America, and I’m glad we have a President who values Americans more than the interests of the rest of the world.”

Cramer had a role in crafting then-candidate Trump’s energy platform during the election and is a well-known climate skeptic. He has stated his opposition to the Clean Power Plan, but also acknowledged the movement toward carbon-restrained policy and that the President should “work with real scientists and work with Congress to come up with a better one.”

Public Statements/Positions on Energy
Cramer is a vocal supporter of “American energy dominance.” As a member of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce, he addressed overreach by the EPA and commended the Trump Administration for getting rid of many regulations and allowing states more agency with their energy decisions. Expressed support for withdrawal of Clean Power Plan Rule.

Advocate for North Dakota’s “All of the above” Energy Resources Plan. Supports legally permitted pipelines including the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAPL)

Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency
None of any particular relevance

Public Statements/Positions on Transportation
“The SAFE Vehicles proposal is a win for consumers and the American economy. A rollback of overreaching Obama-era regulations on CAFE standards means lower vehicle costs and greater consumer choice and safety. The standards in this proposal strike a more realistic balance between energy conservation and what’s happening in the marketplace. The proposal also recognizes the value of high-octane fuels in meeting more stringent fuel economy standards, something North Dakota corn growers and ethanol producers can play a big role in which wasn’t acknowledged in the current standard.”

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**Clean Energy Jobs in State**

5,128
**Senator Jacky Rosen (Nevada)**

**Party Affiliation**
Democrat

**Representative Replaced**
Dean Heller (R)

**Committee Assignments**
Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; Special Committee on Aging

**Prior Public Service**
U.S. House of Representatives (2017-2018), Member of the House Armed Services Committee and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology (Subcommittee on Energy)

**Line of Work**
Politician

**Major Campaign Agenda Items**
Education; Energy and the Environment (protecting public lands, solar, renewables); Government Reform (overturn Citizens United); Healthcare (Protect ACA); Immigration Reform; $15 minimum wage; Paid Family/Medical Leave; National Security; Seniors (Defend Social Security and Medicare); Veterans; Women’s Issues (Reproductive Rights, Equal Pay)

**Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy**
None of particular relevance

**Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy**
Introduced R. 6166: Solar VETS Act, a bipartisan bill that directs DOE to implement a workforce training program to help prepare transitioning military personnel for careers in the solar energy industry.

**Public Statements/Positions on Climate**
Statement following Trump Administration announcement it would repeal the Clean Power Plan: “By repealing federal limits on carbon pollution from power plants, Administrator Pruitt and the Trump Administration are doing the bidding of big polluters at the expense of Nevadans who want clean air. This shortsighted political decision to rescind the Clean Power Plan will increase carbon pollution, worsen the effects of climate change, and slow down our transition to a clean energy economy. It’s deeply disappointing that the head of the Environmental Protection Agency continues to reject science and ignore the detrimental risks that carbon pollution poses for our environment, our health, and our economy.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy**
Statement from campaign website: “Jacky is committed to Nevada’s leadership on solar and other forms of renewable energy. As the former president of Nevada’s largest synagogue, Jacky led a team to build one of the largest solar projects by a nonprofit in the city of Henderson, cutting energy costs by up to 70 percent. That’s why she opposes the Trump Administration’s misguided efforts to drag us backwards and dismantle the Clean Power Plan. As the threat of climate change looms, she will continue advocating for action that reduces carbon pollution, defends our clean air and water, and promotes clean energy jobs. Because of her strong record supporting responsible environmental policies, Jacky has earned a 97% score from the League of Conservation Voters.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency**
None of any particular relevance
Public Statements/Positions on Transportation
Along with Reps. Welch and Huffman, introduced the “Electric CARS Act of 2018” which seeks to extend and modify the plug-in electric drive motor vehicles tax credit, extend the alternative fuel vehicle refueling property tax credit, and extend the alternative motor vehicle credit.

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Clean Energy Jobs in State
10,316
**Senator Marsha Blackburn (Tennessee)**

**Party Affiliation**  
Republican

**Representative Replaced**  
Bob Corker (R)

**Committee Assignments**  
Armed Services; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Judiciary; Veterans’ Affairs

**Prior Public Service**  
U.S. House of Representatives (2003–2018), Served on the House Committees on the Budget, Education and the Workforce, Energy And Commerce, Judiciary, and Oversight and Government Reform

**Line of Work**  
Politician

**Major Campaign Agenda Items**  
National Defense ("Protect the Homeland"); Supporting Veterans; Tax Cuts; Job Creation/Reducing Regulations; Confirmation of Strict Constitutional Justices to Supreme Court; Opioid Epidemic

**Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy**  
None of any particular relevance

**Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy**  
None of any particular relevance

**Public Statements/Positions on Climate**  
Made multiple statements in 2016 stating, “the science around [climate change] is not a settled science.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy**  
Blackburn has said that Tennesseans are among the hardest hit by escalating energy prices and they are “tired of having the family budget used as a laboratory for experimental environmental policy.” She also said, “to bring down the price at the pump and keep the economy going, we need a menu of clean, responsible energy options; not winners and losers chosen by the environmental lobby.” Blackburn opposed Cap & Trade policies and considers it bureaucratic overreach. She supports Senator Inhofe and Sen. Upton’s efforts to roll back the EPA. Believes the Clean Power Plan would weaken America’s energy security and raise the price of electricity.

Voting Record on Energy/Oil Issues:  

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency**  
In 2012, Blackburn spoke on the House floor against higher efficiency standards for light bulbs, fighting to “keep our freedom of choice and selection in the light bulbs we have in our homes.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Transportation**  
None of any particular relevance

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**Clean Energy Jobs in State**  
51,629
**Senator Mitt Romney (Utah)**

**Party Affiliation**
Republican

**Representative Replaced**
Orrin Hatch (R)

**Committee Assignments**
Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Small Business and Entrepreneurship

**Prior Public Service**
Governor of Massachusetts (2003–2007)

**Line of Work**
Politician, Business/Consulting

**Major Campaign Agenda Items**
- Tax Cuts; Deficit Reduction; Local/State involvement in management of public lands; American Military Strength; Merit Based Immigration; Repeal and Replace ACA; Religious Liberty/Pro Life

**Career Related to Energy Efficiency and/or Clean Energy**
None of particular relevance

**Public Service Accomplishments on EE and/or Clean Energy**
None of particular relevance

**Public Statements/Positions on Climate**
While running for President in 2012, Romney said “we don’t know what’s causing climate change on this planet... and it’s not smart to spend trillions and trillions of dollars to try and reduce CO2 emissions.” But, in March of 2017 he said, “I happen to believe that there is climate change, and I think humans contribute to it in a substantial way, and therefore I look with openness to all the ideas that might be able to address that.”

In August of 2018, in reference to climate change, Romney said, “It means wildfires are going to become a regular part of life and more and more dangerous.... We have to recognize that business as usual is not going to solve the problem. We have to step up in a far more aggressive way.”

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy**
“I support the utilization of all our energy resources including gas, coal, wind, nuclear, geothermal, hydro, and solar. We are fortunate Utah’s coal power plants, which provide over 75 percent of our electricity, are at the forefront of the clean coal industry.” – Campaign website

**Public Statements/Positions on Energy Efficiency**
“I support greater efficiency standards in cars, trucks, and factories to reduce energy consumption and pollution.” – Campaign website

**Public Statements/Positions on Transportation**
“In my view, in about 10 years, I’ll bet 90 percent of the cars we buy are electric.”

As a Presidential candidate, Romney called Obama’s investment in EV tax credits money wasted on “losers” and called for phasing out the tax credits all together

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**Clean Energy Jobs in State**
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