

The Climate and Equitable Jobs Act

How the most ambitious and equitable climate bill in the country came together



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The Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition (ICJC) is made up of environmental advocacy organizations, businesses, community leaders, consumer advocates, environmental justice groups, faith-based organizations, and student organizations, working together to improve public health and the environment, protect consumers, and create clean jobs across the state, with a focus on equity.

The story of CEJA...



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September, 2021

Gov. Pritzker signs the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act:
the nation's most equitable and comprehensive climate bill!



But it was a long road to get here...



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THE FUTURE ENERGY JOBS ACT- 2016

25% Renewable Energy by 2025

- New financial incentives for solar and wind
- Community Solar
- Solar for All

Energy Efficiency

- Lower electric bills, save \$, create JOBS!

Workforce Development



Listen. Lead. Share.

- We want to **listen to you**. We want to **share the facts**.
- We want to **hear your facts**. We want to **make Illinois a leader**.
- To do this, we want to have conversations with **YOU**, so together, we can build a clean energy economy for all.



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- Grassroots Organizing
- Participation and Amplification
- Coalition Strength



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WE LISTENED

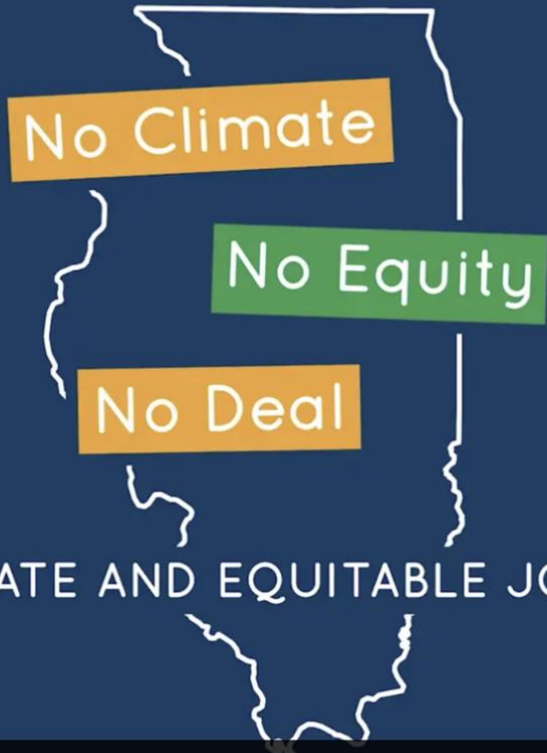
2018

- 70+ Community Dialogues across IL
- Hundreds of surveys received
- Thousands of voices joined the conversation
- Community helped create the policy



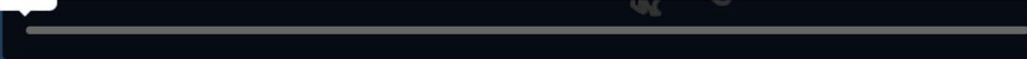


Data-Driven Narratives



THE CLIMATE AND EQUITABLE JOBS ACT

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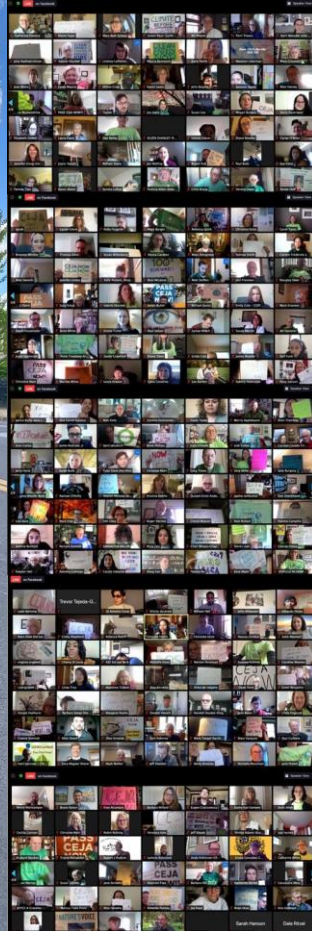
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The Four Policy Pillars:

1. Quality jobs and investments in communities across the state
2. 100% renewable energy by 2050
3. Carbon-free electric sector by 2030
4. Increase electric vehicles



AND ORGANIZED



AND LOBBIED



AND GOT THE WORD OUT IN THE MEDIA



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UPDATE: For the second week in a row, **#CEJACantWait** is trending all over Illinois! We now have just 24 days left to pass CEJA, which will transition Illinois' power sector completely away from dirty fossil fuels by 2030 & prioritize environmental justice communities! **#twill**

Illinois trends

1 · Trending
#CEJACantWait

Chicago trends

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East St Louis trends

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Springfield trends

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AND NEGOTIATED

Clean Energy Jobs Act

IL Clean Jobs Coalition (US!)

Climate Union Jobs Act

Climate Jobs IL (Labor Coalition)

Path to 100

Path to 100 Coalition (parts of the Solar Industry)

Consumers and Climate First Act

Governor Pritzker

Downstate Clean Energy Affordability Act

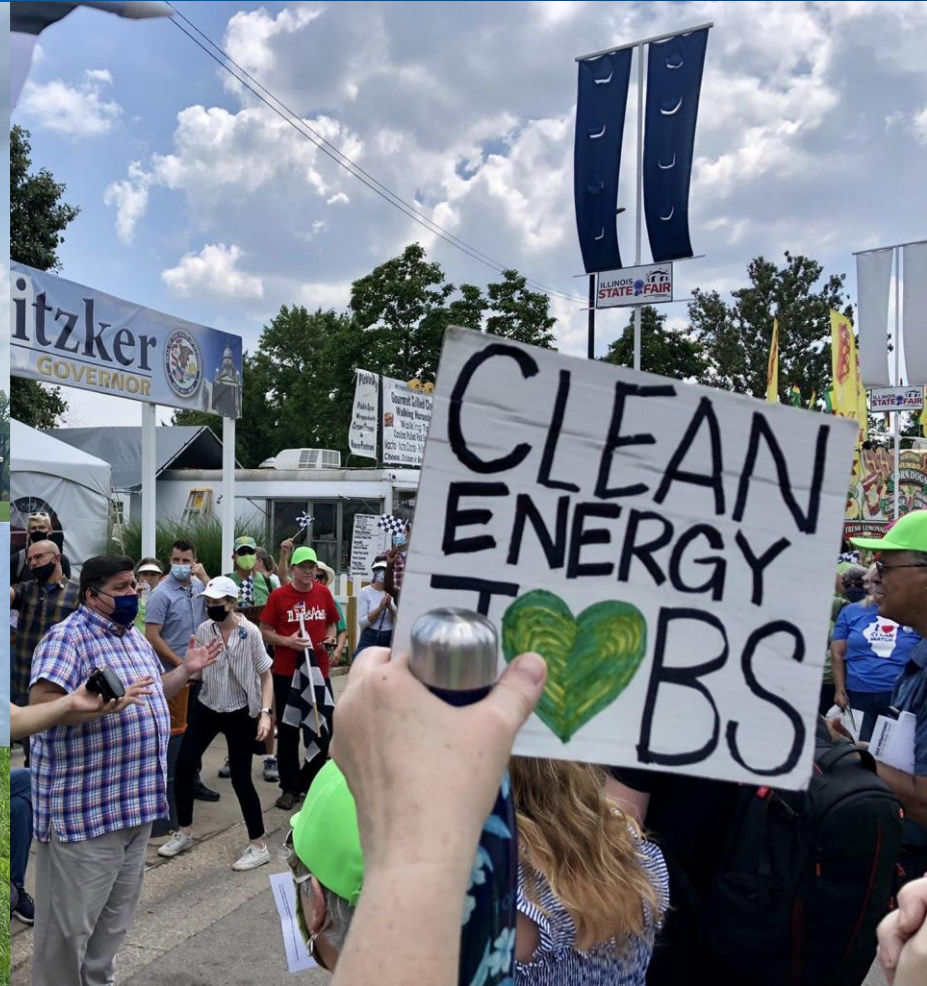
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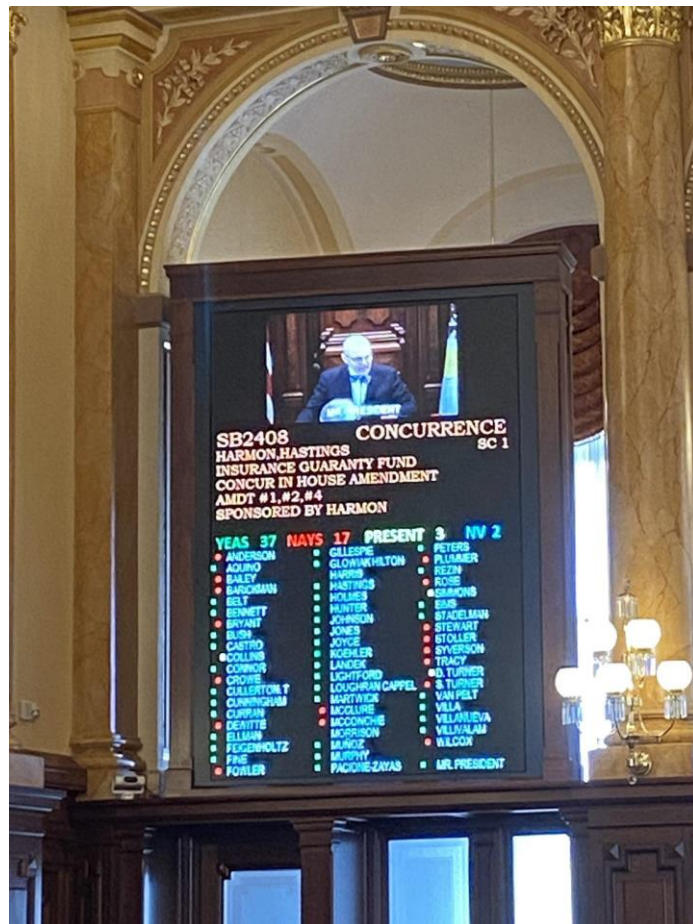
No Climate, No Equity, No Deal



‘There is no time to lose,’ Pritzker says as he signs energy legislation lawmakers say ‘gives our state a very clear future’

After months of negotiations on the bill, the Illinois Senate on Monday sent the legislation to Pritzker’s desk on a 37-17 vote — with three senators voting present — after the Illinois House voted last week to pass the measure.

By [Rachel Hinton](#) on September 15, 2021 5:58 pm



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Amanda Vinicky | September 25, 2021, 5:30 pm

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Clean Energy

Illinois Now Boasts the 'Most Equitable' Climate Law in America. So What Will That Mean?

Beside targets for clean energy, it promises equitable job creation and help for communities hit hardest by fossil-fuel pollution.

By Brett Chase, Dan Gearino
September 17, 2021

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Illinois signs landmark clean energy law

The move makes Illinois the first major coal-producing state to commit to a carbon-free future.



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PRESS RELEASE

Illinois Set to be First Midwest State to Require 100 Percent Carbon-Free Energy by 2045

Most Comprehensive Clean Energy Legislation in State's History, includes Equitable Statewide Jobs and Economic Investment Plan

September 13, 2021

SPRINGFIELD, IL -- Illinois' General Assembly moved a comprehensive energy bill to Gov.

MEDIA CONTACTS

Illinois House passes clean energy bill with some big solar wins

The bill includes an immediate re-start of solar incentives through the Adjustable Block Program, potentially protecting thousands of solar jobs across the state.

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As Illinois phases out fossil fuels, law offers support to transition workers

The "just transition" components in the state's massive new energy law are scaled down from the original proposal, but advocates are still lauding the provisions as promising parts of a historic law.

by Kari Lydersen
September 22, 2021



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So what did we win?



THE CLIMATE AND EQUITABLE JOBS ACT

BY THE NUMBERS

\$82M/YR

Investment in workforce
development and contractor
equity programs

\$41M/YR

Investment per year in
former fossil fuel
communities and workers

\$380M/YR

Investment in new
renewable energy

100%

Carbon-free power sector by
2045, with interim steps

50%

Renewable energy
by 2040

1,000,000

Electric vehicles in Illinois by
2030

EQUITY AT THE CENTER

40%

**Of the benefits and investments in solar power,
electric vehicles, and the grid must go to equity
investment eligible communities and persons**

COMPONENTS

THE CLIMATE AND EQUITABLE JOBS ACT!



Jobs & Economic Justice



Inclusive Financing



Renewable Energy



Energy Efficiency



Carbon-Free Power



Utility Accountability, Grid
Planning, and Low-income Relief



Just Transition for Fossil Fuel
Communities



Electric Transportation





HOLD AMEREN ACCOUNTABLE



CEJA CAN'T WAIT!

Tired
CORRUPT
#Stop

STOP THE RATE HIKE!
#STOPTHERATEHIKE

CEJA CAN WAIT
#CEJACANTWAIT

Working FOR communities leads to equitable solutions and continuous engagement

1. If you want equitable outcomes you have to have an equitable process.
(Delmar Gillus, COO, Elevate Energy)
1. If you want meaningful engagement, you need to meaningfully engage.
1. It takes time...don't rush the process for the sake of an outcome.



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