



The Energy Bills Relief Act of 2026
SEEC Clean Energy Deployment Task Force
Co-Chairs Reps. Sean Casten and Mike Levin

Statements of Support

"Americans deserve affordable, reliable, and secure access to energy, which is exactly why we need the *Energy Bills Relief Act*. By addressing persistent barriers to the development and deployment of critical clean energy and grid infrastructure, this bill will ease pressure on household budgets and speed up the transition to healthier and more stable energy. The Trump administration's war is spiking gas prices, grocery bills, and utility bills. Americans simply cannot afford to double down on a dangerous fossil-fuel energy system that causes chaos abroad and wreaks havoc on prices at home," **said Gina McCarthy, Foreign Policy for America Advisory Board Member; former White House National Climate Advisor; former U.S. EPA Administrator.**

"Congressmen Casten and Levin should be commended for drafting the *Energy Bills Relief Act* (EBRA). During a time when many Americans are experiencing substantial increases in their electric and natural gas utility bills, Congressmen Casten and Levin have identified a number of actions that can help stem the tide. For instance, the bill reverses recent tax code changes and administrative actions that limit the amount of new, low-cost wind and solar generation that can come on line quickly to help meet growing demand and maintain reasonable rates. In addition, EBRA promotes investments in new interregional electric transmission capacity that makes it easier for utilities and their customers to access the cheapest sources of power at any point in time. Congress should give these and other provisions in the Casten-Levin bill serious consideration as the focus grows on containing energy price increases," **said Rich Glick, former chair of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.**

"American families are struggling to pay rising energy costs, with 20 million households currently behind on their utility bills. Energy prices rose at twice the rate of inflation last year and families are left bearing the brunt. The *Energy Bills Relief Act* directly addresses the drivers of these rising costs. It provides financial assistance and expands programs to make homes cheaper to heat, cracks down on price gouging from utility companies, ensures large new energy users including data centers pay their fair share and restores incentives for the most affordable new sources of power. We applaud Congressmen Casten and Levin for their leadership to address the cost of living crisis by advancing renewable energy, the fastest and cheapest source of new electricity available on the market today," **said Leah Qusba, CEO of GoodPower.**

“LCV is proud to support the *Energy Bills Relief Act* because it lowers energy costs for American families by accelerating affordable clean energy, modernizing and better connecting our electric grid, and ensuring large energy users like data centers pay their fair share. After Trump’s disastrous energy policies caused electric bills to rise 13% last year, it’s more important than ever to be supporting more energy solutions, not less. Thank you to Reps. Casten and Levin for putting consumers first by prioritizing affordability, reliability, and a more resilient and clean energy system and advancing climate solutions that drive down costs and emissions in energy, housing, healthcare, and food,” **said Matthew Davis, Vice President of Federal Policy of the League of Conservation Voters.**

“ACP appreciates the leadership of Reps. Casten and Levin in advancing permitting reforms to create greater certainty for all forms of energy, alongside grid reforms to strengthen reliability and resilience. Together, these efforts are critical to meeting growing electricity demand while keeping costs low for American consumers,” **said Frank Macchiarola, Chief Advocacy Officer of American Clean Power.**

“Billionaires don’t have to choose between keeping the lights on and putting food on the table. If policy is poorly designed, working people often do. Energy affordability must be front and center and go hand in hand with rebuilding the grid and accelerating responsible clean energy deployment. The BlueGreen Alliance also welcomes efforts to reverse the Trump administration’s disastrous cuts to clean energy that have increased costs for families across the country. And that progress must come with strong labor standards. Affordability and reliability can’t come at the expense of job quality. If public dollars and incentives are on the table, companies must be held accountable and workers cannot be left behind. Union neutrality, prevailing wage, registered apprenticeships, and project labor agreements must be part of the deal to create good-paying, union jobs and real community benefits. We look forward to continuing to work together on this bill,” **said Jason Walsh, BlueGreen Alliance Executive Director.**

“Americans are demanding that Congress address rising utility costs. They’re right as electricity rates are rising at more than twice the rate of inflation. We must stop blocking clean energy and begin building a bigger, better electrical grid. The American economy is growing, and its electric grid must grow with it. The Energy Bills Relief Act is a broad set of effective reforms that put the country on the right path to a more affordable, bigger, less polluting power system. CAP strongly supports the Energy Bills Relief Act and appreciates the leadership of Congressman Casten and Congressman Levin in driving the broad Democratic support of this bill,” **said Trevor Higgins, Senior Vice President Energy & Environment, Center for American Progress (CAP).**

“At a time when 1 in 6 households are struggling to pay their energy bills, we need solutions that put affordability first while strengthening America’s economic future. We are encouraged by key provisions in the *Energy Bills Relief Act* that reverse attacks on low-cost, clean energy projects, expedite interconnection to unclog the backlog of projects waiting to come online, and invest in a 21st century electric grid through stronger interregional transmission planning and federal siting authority. These are practical, cost-effective steps that can help lower costs in the near term while supporting long-term reliability and competitiveness,” **said Ryan Fitzpatrick, Vice President of the Climate and Energy Program at Third Way.**

“Congressmen Casten and Levin have been tireless champions for affordable, reliable energy, and the Solar Energy Industries Association thanks them for their commitment to keeping energy costs down for Americans. Ensuring permitting certainty and parity, improving transmission infrastructure, and strengthening the electric grid would help America meet rising demand with quick-to-deploy solar and storage,” **said Erin Duncan, Vice President, Congressional Affairs at the Solar Energy Industries Association.**

"Clean, renewable energy is the solution for interrelated issues that the moment - and people across the country - deserve and demand. It is crucial for everyone, especially low-income households and communities of color to afford their energy bills, breathe clean air, and be resilient as the climate crisis intensifies. The *Energy Bills Relief Act* (EBRA) protects clean energy progress and builds a long-term clean-energy grid with strong transmission reforms and consumer protections. EBRA also helps expand home energy relief programs that support our NY members and households across the U.S. - already overburdened by pollution and high energy bills - maintain healthy, safe homes, while offsetting skyrocketing energy prices,” **said Leslie Fields, Chief Federal Officer, WE ACT for Environmental Justice.**

"Between higher healthcare costs and toxic air pollution in too many communities, families need all the support they can get. Getting more clean energy up and running will improve air quality and prevent visits to the emergency room. The *Energy Bills Relief Act* will reverse the repeal of clean energy tax credits in HR 1 and restore terminated grants that supported clean energy development. While the main goal of the bill is to reduce energy costs, families know that the challenges they face don’t happen in silos. Expanding and accelerating clean energy is a health imperative, and the Lung Association thanks Congressman Casten and Congressman Levin for their commitment to families,” **said the American Lung Association.**

“This visionary bill solves many of the structural and policy flaws that are driving the high costs faced by our communities and our businesses. It creates accountability and transparency that eliminates manipulation, inefficiencies, and barriers to new, cheaper generation. It creates incentives to build the grid that is needed to support the new economy while ensuring cost allocation that is equitable,” **said former FERC Commissioner Nora Mead Brownell.**

“Electricity bills are rising, and people need relief. Instead, the Trump administration is blocking the energy sources that are the cheapest and fastest to deploy. The *Energy Bills Relief Act* by Reps. Casten and Levin would get needed affordable, clean and reliable energy onto the grid, significantly improve grid reliability and help people pay their electricity bills,” **said Joanna Slaney, Vice President for Political and Government Affairs, Environmental Defense Fund.**

"ACORE commends the SEEC Clean Energy Deployment Task Force for recognizing that federal policy needs to adapt as technology is changing how we connect, work, and engage with the world. The *Energy Bills Relief Act* provides a strong and thoughtful menu of ideas to help America keep building toward a clean energy future that benefits all Americans. ACORE greatly appreciates the Task Force's work on permitting certainty and transmission expansion, and we look forward to working with the Task Force, other members of Congress, and other stakeholders to refine and find bipartisan common ground on these and other proposals to advance our shared goals for American energy security and prosperity," **said ACORE President and CEO Ray Long.**

"Low-income communities and communities of color have borne the brunt of rising energy costs and unsafe housing conditions. The *Energy Bills Relief Act* is a critical step toward correcting these inequities by expanding access to affordable, reliable, and energy-efficient homes. No family should have to choose between paying their utility bills and meeting basic needs. An equitable energy system must prioritize the health, dignity, and stability of those who have been historically underserved," **said Byron Gudiel, Executive Director at the Center for Earth Energy and Democracy (CEED).**

“Electricity bills are skyrocketing, and our families are paying the price while escalating natural disasters caused by climate change devastate communities. The solution to both problems is affordable clean energy. The *Energy Bills Relief Act* will address rising energy costs by reversing the Trump Administration’s attacks on clean energy, improving and better connecting the grid, and protecting consumers from extreme rate hikes. We thank Representatives Casten and Levin for their commitment to lowering costs, fighting climate change, and ensuring all people can benefit from cheap, clean electricity,” **said Earthjustice Action Vice President of Policy and Legislation Raúl García.**

"Americans are struggling right now with rising energy costs, and the solution is to unleash the lowest-cost, ready-to-deploy advanced energy technologies that will make the energy system more reliable and affordable for everyone. Congress should be doing everything in its power to make it easier to permit and build clean energy. Federal agencies need to be structured and staffed to support these goals and remove bureaucratic red tape. Advanced Energy United applauds SEEC’s leadership in working to get more clean energy on the grid and looks forward to collaborating in the future,” **said Advanced Energy United.**

“For far too long, foolish policies that prioritize and incentivize dirty fossil fuels have drastically raised costs on families, jeopardizing not only our health but also the financial wellbeing of so many. The Sierra Club is proud to support Representatives Casten and Levin’s *Energy Bills Relief Act* that would help right these wrongs, expand access to low-cost clean energy, and provide consumers with choices to help them save money and protect their health. As energy costs continue to soar, it’s time to empower the American people, not polluters,” **said Patrick Drupp, Sierra Club’s Director of Climate Policy**

“Families and businesses across the country are feeling the strain of rising electricity bills. The *Energy Bills Relief Act* recognizes that modernizing and expanding our transmission system is essential to delivering affordable, reliable power to American consumers. By supporting policies that strengthen interregional transmission and unlock low-cost energy resources, this legislation takes an important step toward a more resilient and cost-effective electric grid. We appreciate Congressmen Casten and Levin’s leadership in advancing solutions that prioritize consumers and long-term grid reliability,” **said Christina Hayes, Executive Director of Grid Action.**

"As Americans are struggling with rising electricity bills, the *Energy Bills Relief Act* puts consumers first by expanding access to the cheapest, cleanest, and most reliable energy available. Representatives Casten and Levin have delivered legislation that modernizes how clean energy and transmission are sited and connected to the grid, clears the bottlenecks that delay projects, and ensures energy markets work for people rather than corporate profits. NRDC strongly supports this roadmap to a faster, fairer and more reliable clean energy buildout,” **said Sam Goodstein, Managing Director of Federal Affairs at the Natural Resources Defense Council.**

“American families are being crushed by soaring electricity costs. Yet, the cheapest, most reliable, clean and home grown energy is being blocked by outdated, partisan policies and a grid that hasn’t kept pace. The result? Energy bills are on the rise, and so is dangerous climate pollution and more unhealthy air. Clean energy delivers solutions that simultaneously combat the climate crisis while meeting soaring energy demand. The Energy Bills Relief Act puts consumers not polluters first. It would expand wind and solar, restore critical clean energy tax credits, speed clean energy connections, and protect communities and our families’ health too. Thank you to the co-sponsors of the Energy Bills Relief Act, who are helping to make sure that clean energy delivers climate solutions, a safer and healthier environment, and cost relief for American families,” **said Margie Alt, Director of the Climate Action Campaign.**

“Protect Our Winters is excited to support Rep. Sean Casten’s and Rep. Mike Levin’s *Energy Bills Relief Act* and applaud the Congressmen for their leadership on these critical issues. This bill brings back federal support for responsible clean energy development while lowering energy costs, modernizing our grid, and protecting ratepayers. For the Outdoor State, clean energy means cleaner air, healthier and resilient communities, and the long-term protection of the outdoor places we live and love. By putting people over polluters, this legislation advances affordability, reliability, and real climate action for a prosperous future. Thank you for your leadership,” **said Protect Our Winters.**

“The *Energy Bills Relief Act* will reduce household energy bills, promote efficiency and weatherization, and enhance our grid’s reliability and resilience. SELC stands with the hardworking families who are demanding cheaper, cleaner energy—not the false solutions pushed by the Trump Administration at the behest of the fossil fuel industry. As energy bills continue to rise and data center demand threatens to push them even higher, we hope Congress will act quickly to pass these commonsense measures to keep costs down for people in the South and across the country,” **said Gudrun Thompson, Southern Environmental Law Center (SELC) Senior Attorney and Energy Program Leader.**

“The Trump administration has sent energy bills skyrocketing, given away taxpayer money to Big Oil, and unveiled expensive plans to bail out the coal industry, all to boost the fossil fuel industry. Americans need relief from spiking energy costs and the rising costs of climate change is imposing on us. Representative Casten and Levin’s *Energy Bills Relief Act* begins to repair Trump’s damage with energy and climate policies that will lower costs for Americans, centering communities in the process, and accelerate the deployment of clean, cheaper renewable energy. As this administration sends the cost of living soaring, Congress must act to ease the burden on Americans’ pocketbooks and livable habitat,” **said David Arkush, Director of Public Citizen’s Climate Program.**

“Families across the country are feeling the strain of rising electricity bills, and we need smart policies that provide relief now while strengthening our energy system for the future. This legislation from Representatives Casten and Levin helps families now by making it easier to access affordable clean energy that can be brought online quickly and is healthier for our communities than fossil fuels. We look forward to working with them to ensure that solutions to our clean energy needs include even stronger safeguards for wildlife, public lands, and the communities that rely on them,” **said Shannon Heyck-Williams, Associate Vice President for Climate and Energy at the National Wildlife Federation.**

“The Energy Bills Relief Act paves the way to real relief on energy bills now, while building as much cheap, abundant, clean energy as possible to lower bills in the long run. That’s the alternative to Trump’s agenda, which has done the exact opposite: sabotaging tens of billions in clean energy investments and locking Americans into dependence on the expensive, volatile fossil fuels that pad his donors’ profits. Since day one, Trump has delivered skyrocketing energy bills instead of the relief he promised. But high prices aren’t inevitable. These are deliberate choices by this administration, and Democrats are fighting back with real solutions,” **said Evergreen Action Executive Director Lena Moffitt.**

"As everyday Americans watch their energy bills spike, the administration's ‘energy dominance’ agenda is not providing any relief — instead, it’s padding the fossil fuel industry’s profits while leaving wind and solar projects to languish. We applaud Representatives Casten and Levin for introducing a real solution: the Energy Bills Relief Act. This legislation mandates the hard work necessary to rapidly deploy responsible wind and solar projects on public lands that will benefit Americans — all while involving the public and Tribes on land use decisions. This approach ensures development happens on lands with the fewest conflicts and provides industry certainty on projects underway or not yet conceived. It also ensures new and existing projects generate revenue for states, counties and for mitigation in perpetuity — funding vital social services, like schools and hospitals, as well as community-led projects that protect land, water and wildlife from the unintended impacts of new development. We call on Congress to advance this important bill that meets today’s energy needs without sacrificing the health and well-being of our communities and public lands," **said Justin Meuse, Government Relations Director of Energy and Climate at The Wilderness Society.**