

BERNIE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

“Climate change is the greatest threat to National Security.”

— **BERNIE SANDERS**

Bernie Sanders is a co-sponsor of Medicare for All, a living wage, free public college, LGBTQ & women’s rights, and combating climate change. After bringing these ‘radical’ ideas to the national stage in 2016, they’ve now become mainstream.

Supporting a Green New Deal

- ▶ Bernie is a co-sponsor of the Green New Deal introduced by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Ed Markey.
- ▶ Bernie introduced the boldest legislation in Senate to rapidly transition away from fossil fuels to 100 % renewable energy.
- ▶ Creation of millions of good-paying green jobs.

Fighting Fossil Fuel Lobby in Washington

- ▶ Bernie refuses to take money from any corporate donors.
- ▶ Bernie has called out corporations like Koch Industries and ExxonMobil fund ‘research’ cast doubt on climate change and its relation to greenhouse-gas emissions.
- ▶ Bernie has called out how the fossil fuel industry donates a lot of money to politicians.

Supporting Science

- ▶ Bernie has supported scientific research on climate change for decades.
- ▶ Bernie regularly cites scientific findings and uses scientific language.
- ▶ Scientists bring out the facts, Bernie will bring action.

Decades of Leadership Against Climate Change

Bernie was a trailblazer! He has cleared the way for Democrats to move from evasion to platforms strong on climate action.

A few samples:

1989 Criticized media for not reporting on climate change, in a C-SPAN interview while mayor of Burlington, Vermont.

2007 Proposed the Global Warming Pollution Reduction Act, to update the Clean Air Act to include regulations on greenhouse gases (with Sen. Boxer).

2007 Wrote legislation for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block grant program, securing \$3.2 billion to fund grants that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

2009 Declared at a climate-change conference: “the science is clear” on global warming. “This is no time for timidity.”

2010 Scolded climate-change deniers at a Senate hearing, for fooling themselves as Americans did in the early 1940’s when fascism was on the rise.

2016 Was one of few Senators to oppose the Dakota Access oil Pipeline.

2016 Ran as the only Presidential candidate with a plan to slash carbon dioxide pollution, end fossil fuel subsidies, and ban fracking.