## Climate Change

**Mayor of South Bend, Indiana (D-IN)**

**Pete Buttigieg**

**Senator (D-CO)**

**Michael Bloomberg**

**Former Mayor of New York City (D)**

**Joe Biden**

**Former Vice President**

### Carbon Pricing

**Supports (Carbon Tax)**
- **Candidate**: Pete Buttigieg
- **Campaign Website**: “We will enact a price on carbon and use the revenue to send rebates to Americans. With money returned directly to their pockets, lower- and middle-class households in particular will experience economic gains.”

**Opposes (Carbon Tax)**
- **Candidate**: Joe Biden

### Carbon Pricing Revenue

**Supports (Carbon Revenue)**
- **Candidate**: Michael Bloomberg

**Opposes (Carbon Revenue)**
- **Candidate**: Pete Buttigieg

### Clean Power Plan

**Supports (Clean Power Plan)**
- **Candidate**: Michael Bloomberg

**Opposes (Clean Power Plan)**
- **Candidate**: Pete Buttigieg

### Fossil Fuel Leasing on Public Lands

**Supports (Fossil Fuel Leasing)**
- **Candidate**: Michael Bloomberg

**Opposes (Fossil Fuel Leasing)**
- **Candidate**: Pete Buttigieg

### Fracking

**Supports (Fracking)**
- **Candidate**: Michael Bloomberg

**Opposes (Fracking)**
- **Candidate**: Pete Buttigieg

### Methane Regulation

**Supports (Methane Regulation)**
- **Candidate**: Michael Bloomberg

**Opposes (Methane Regulation)**
- **Candidate**: Pete Buttigieg

### Nuclear Power

**Supports (Nuclear Power)**
- **Candidate**: Michael Bloomberg

**Opposes (Nuclear Power)**
- **Candidate**: Pete Buttigieg

### Obama-Era CAFE Standards

**Supports (Obama-Era CAFE Standards)**
- **Candidate**: Michael Bloomberg

**Opposes (Obama-Era CAFE Standards)**
- **Candidate**: Pete Buttigieg

### Paris Climate Agreements

**Supports (Paris Climate Agreements)**
- **Candidate**: Michael Bloomberg

**Opposes (Paris Climate Agreements)**
- **Candidate**: Pete Buttigieg

### Timelines: Emissions

**Has a Target**
- **Candidate**: Michael Bloomberg

**Unclear**
- **Candidate**: Pete Buttigieg
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### John Delaney
**House of Representatives (D-MD)**

- **Supports (Carbon Tax)**
  - Delaney: “[I support] a bipartisan carbon fee that puts a price on carbon — it’s modeled to cut carbon emissions by 90% by 2050. The Carbon Fee and Dividend proposal starts the fee at $15 per metric ton of CO2 equivalent and increases the cost by $10 each year.”
  - Source: [Campaign Website](https://www.johndelaney.com/campaign-website/)

- **Opposes (Restore)**
  - Delaney: “I support vehicle emissions standards and methane limits and other measures as a backstop. Overall, the most important thing we need to do is implement a carbon tax. This would harness the power of the free market.”
  - Source: [Washington Post](https://www.washingtonpost.com/)

- **Expand Regulations (Delaney)**
  - Delaney: “I support vehicle emissions standards and methane limits and other measures as a backstop.”
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- **Supports (Expand/Invest)**
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- **Likely Supports (Delaney)**
  - Delaney: “I will re-enter the Paris Agreement and make the US a global leader in climate policy and new energy technologies, we can reduce emissions by 40 percent by 2030 and can be net-zero carbon by 2050.”
  - Source: [Delaney](https://www.johndelaney.com/campaign-website/)

### Tulsi Gabbard
**House of Representatives (D-HI)**

- **Supports (Either)**
  - Gabbard: “Ultimately I don’t think that the carbon tax is the right way to get us there.”
  - Source: [Campaign Website](https://www.tulsigabbard.com/campaign-website/)

- **Not Applicable (Representative Gabbard)**
  - Gabbard opposes carbon pricing.

- **Spending**
  - Gabbard: “I would restore Obama-era climate change regulations that the Trump administration has reversed.”
  - Source: [Campaign Website](https://www.tulsigabbard.com/campaign-website/)

- **Supports (Restore)**
  - Gabbard: “I would end the leasing of federal land and waters for fossil fuel extraction...”
  - Source: [Campaign Website](https://www.tulsigabbard.com/campaign-website/)

- **Ban**
  - Representative Gabbard told the Washington Post that she favored a total ban on fracking.

- **Supports (Specifics)**
  - Gabbard: “[I] support methane limits and vehicle emissions standards”
  - Source: [Campaign Website](https://www.tulsigabbard.com/campaign-website/)

- **Likely Supports (Gabbard)**
  - Gabbard: “President Trump’s decision to withdraw from the Paris Agreement, making us just one of three countries in the world not to participate, is short-sighted and irresponsible.”
  - Source: [Gabbard](https://www.tulsigabbard.com/campaign-website/)

- **Has a Target (Gabbard)**
  - Gabbard: “My OFF Fossil Fuels Act ... lays out a clear plan to transition away from fossil-fuel sources of energy to 100 percent renewable energy not later than 2035, and 80 percent by 2052.”
  - Source: [Gabbard](https://www.tulsigabbard.com/campaign-website/)

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### Amy Klobuchar
**Senator (D-MN)**

- **Supports (Carbon Tax)**
  - Klobuchar: “. . . first of all, putting a price on carbon, which is really really important, and you can do it with cap-and-trade ... or [you] can do it with simply a carbon tax or you can do it with a combination ...”
  - Source: [Campaign Website](https://www.amyklobuchar.com/campaign-website/)

- **Spending**
  - Klobuchar: “On day one, we will get back into the International Climate Change Agreement and restore the Clean Power Plan and work to bring back the gas mileage standards. Those are things you can do with a ‘passing a law’ with transition, by, for scientific research and development.”
  - Source: [Campaign Website](https://www.amyklobuchar.com/campaign-website/)

- **Supports (Restore)**
  - Klobuchar explained that carbon pricing revenue would be used to support communities affected by climate change, to develop infrastructure to help workers affected by transition, for scientific research and development.
  - Source: [Campaign Website](https://www.amyklobuchar.com/campaign-website/)

- **Expand Regulations**
  - Senator Klobuchar told the Washington Post that Senator Klobuchar supports ending new leases for fossil fuel extraction on federal lands.
  - Source: [Washington Post](https://www.washingtonpost.com/)

- **Supports (Carbon Pricing)**
  - According to her climate plan, Senator Klobuchar aims to reduce “methane emissions, including by restoring and strengthening the EPA’s methane rules.”

- **No New Plants**
  - Klobuchar: “When it comes to those technologies, I think storage is an issue ... I would look at all the plants we have right now ... and make sure they’re safe and figure out what upgrades we have to make to those plants, but I wouldn’t expand nuclear unless we can find safe storage and figure this out.”
  - Source: [Campaign Website](https://www.amyklobuchar.com/campaign-website/)

- **Supports (Expand/Invest)**
  - Klobuchar: “On my first day as President, I will sign us back into the International Climate Change Agreement.”
  - Source: [Klobuchar](https://www.amyklobuchar.com/campaign-website/)

### Deval Patrick
**Former Governor (D-MA); Former Texas Executive**

- **Unclear**
  - While he was governor of Massachusetts, the state joined the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a cap-and-trade program among several states; however, Governor Patrick has stated that a cap-and-trade program is not sufficient alone to address greenhouse gas emissions.
  - Source: [Campaign Website](https://www.devalpatrick.com/campaign-website/)
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**Candidate** | **Carbon Pricing** | **Carbon Pricing Revenue** | **Clean Power Plan** | **Fracking** | **Methane Regulation** | **Nuclear Power** | **Obama-Era CAFE Standards** | **Paris Climate Agreement** | **Targets and Timelines: Clean Energy** | **Targets and Timelines: Emissions**
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**Bernie Sanders**  
Senator (D-VT)  
*Supports (Mechanism Unclear)*  
Steyer: "[My plan will end] unlimited and unpriced global warming pollution..."  
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**Tom Steyer**  
Former Investor  
(D-CA)  
*Supports (Mechanism Unclear)*  
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**Donald Trump**  
President of the United States (R)  
*Opposes (Carbon Tax)*  
Trump: "I will not support or endorse a carbon tax!"  
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**Joe Walsh**  
Former Member of House of Representatives  
(R-IL)  
*Opposes*  
Walsh: "[O]Crass2018 stumbles through the answer, mentioning wealthy folks ‘paying their fair share’ and all of us ‘paying a carbon tax.’ How about government just leaves us alone?"  
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