

COMMUNITY INCLUSION

Climate change affects us all, but it does not affect us all equally. Green policies must be crafted with the input and consent of the communities they impact. For example, when implementing climate resilience adaptations in low income neighborhoods, community leaders should be involved in the design of the adaptation, there should be a robust period of public comments, and any concerns about potential negative side effects must be taken into account.

LOWER EMISSIONS

Connecticut approved ambitious reductions in its carbon footprint, aiming to be 80% below 2001 levels by the year 2050. To meet these goals, we must reduce our carbon footprint.

JOB CREATION

Green policies can and should create public sector jobs, incentivize private sector job growth, or generate cost savings which result in economic stimulus.

EQUITY & ACCESS

Connecticut already suffers from severe inequality, but green policies can level the playing field if they are enacted with proper consideration and care. For example, energy efficiency standards should impact small businesses and large corporations equally, and enable all parties to thrive equally.

PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

As we transition to clean energy and green technology, we must take care not to leave workers or low-to-moderate income families behind. The most vulnerable among us should not bear the costs of these policies, and displaced workers in one sector should be given training or resources to find new positions.

