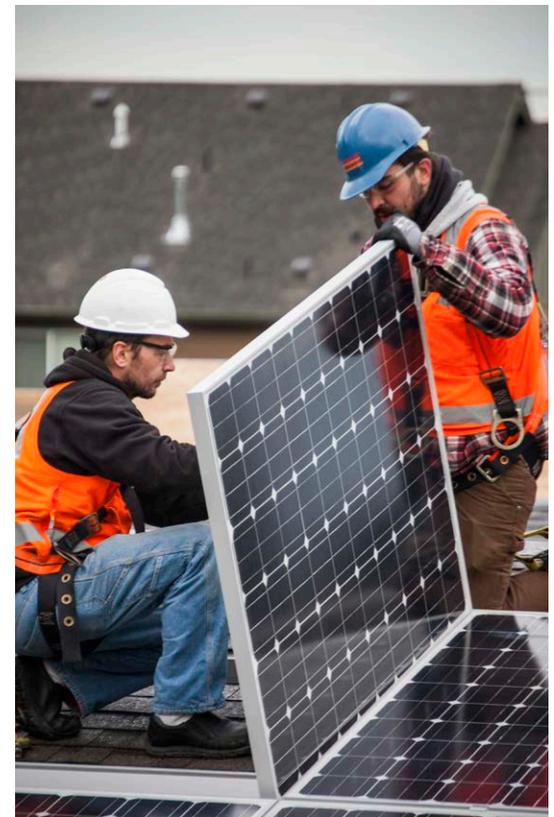


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Climate impacts are already being felt across Washington, from longer and more severe droughts impacting farmers, to pollution affecting our families' health, to warmer, rising, more acidic seas threatening coastal communities and livelihoods. Now is the time for our state to show national leadership and show what is possible by addressing climate change's root cause – carbon pollution – and investing in a safer, healthier future for all of us. Climate-driven investments in Washington will create jobs at home and showcase our state's talent for innovation through globally competitive clean-energy solutions while ensuring our land, air and water is healthy for future generations.

This is one of the 2018 Environmental Priorities presented by a coalition of over twenty organizations in Washington committed to advancing strong environmental policy.



Meaningful carbon-pricing policy for Washington must:

- Be effective at reducing carbon pollution
- Address the urgent need for climate action while addressing the needs of impacted communities
- Invest in clean air and water, healthy forests, and the communities and workers who make our natural resource economy vibrant
- Invest in our state's growing clean energy economy, creating good jobs for Washingtonians and encouraging the Innovation and creativity that we are already known for nationwide
- Make these investments in a way that aligns with the values of everyday Washingtonians and keeps our state's economy and workers strong
- Provide protection for workers and energy-intensive, trade-exposed businesses, ensuring that we do not transfer jobs and emissions to other states

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CHALLENGE

No corner of our state is immune to the effects of a changing climate. Severe floods threaten homes and businesses, longer droughts threaten farmers' crops, and changing ocean conditions endanger coastal communities and our state's fisheries and tourism economy. Catastrophic wildfires destroy rural homes and businesses, and the smoky air they cause keeps children with asthma stuck inside in the summer even hundreds of miles away. It is clear that Washington has no more time to wait to act on climate. We must put a price on carbon pollution and reinvest those dollars in clean energy solutions like wind and solar for a better future for Washington.

SOLUTION

Several proposals have been put forth already to address this urgent and complex issue. We applaud Governor Inslee, state leaders, and legislators who have been speaking out about the importance of addressing this issue in a meaningful way that works for Washington, and have been working alongside community and business leaders, grassroots advocates, and others to craft the best policy possible for our state. Meaningful climate action can and must work for all Washingtonians – workers, business owners, tribes, rural and urban communities. It must be equitable and considerate of communities that already bear the brunt of climate change impacts, economic uncertainty, and threats from natural disasters. By accounting for the cost carbon pollution is already having on our economy, our health and our communities, we can – and will – encourage the growth of cleaner, safer, healthier jobs and families in Washington.

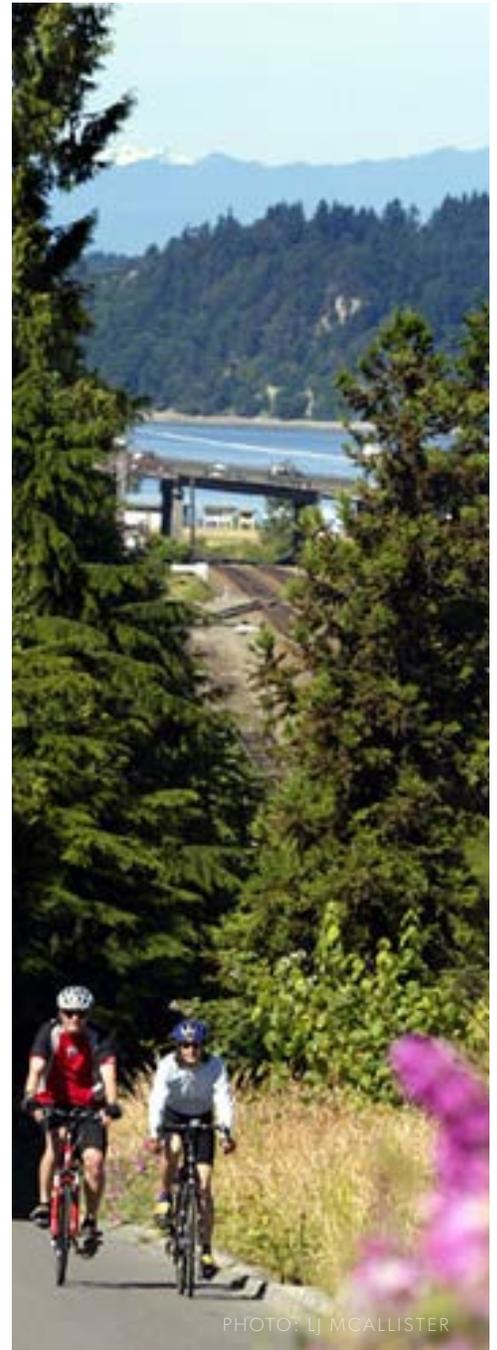


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