

# 2023 IN REVIEW:

**A CRES and CRES Forum  
Annual Report**



# ABOUT CRES

## VISION

Our goal is to lower global emissions through U.S. policymaking to maintain a clean environment and mitigate the impacts of climate change.

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## MISSION

CRES engages Republican policymakers and the public about responsible, conservative solutions to address our nation's energy, economic, and environmental security while increasing America's competitive edge.



## A NOTE FROM CRES PRESIDENT HEATHER REAMS

Greetings Friends and Colleagues,

2023 was an incredible year of growth for [CRES](#) and [CRES Forum](#). As our team grew, we expanded our advocacy and educational efforts so we can help more clean energy come online more quickly.

Our signature events such as [National Clean Energy Week](#), CRES Academy and C6WC allowed us to engage in productive discussions to further clean energy deployment with policymakers and advocates alike.

We were proud to highlight our [2023 Clean Energy Champions](#): U.S. Senators Shelly Moore Capito (R-W.V.) and Bill Cassidy (R-La.) and U.S. Reps. Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.) and Jen Kiggans (R-Va.). From advocating for renewable resources like wind and solar to working to achieve meaningful permitting reform to strengthening the resilience of our coastlines and forests, these lawmakers have demonstrated exceptional leadership among their peers – blazing the trail toward pragmatic solutions that leverage America's carbon advantage, reduce global emissions, create jobs and deliver affordable and reliable energy. CRES has recognized 24 Members of Congress and 6 Governors since 2017, and we are proud of their work to support policies that lower emissions and grow our economy.

Permitting reform continues to be our priority. Despite some advancements in the Fiscal Responsibility Act, more action is required to expand our low-emissions economy. Simply put, the lack of comprehensive permitting reform is holding our country back.

Competitiveness with China has also taken a front burner for most of us in the clean energy sector. While the United States is leading the world in emissions reduction, China's emissions continue to rise. By increasing American energy production and implementing an all-of-the-above energy strategy, the U.S. can continue to not only be a global leader but also provide goods and energy for the rest of the world, support economic growth and enhance security for America and our allies.

The 118th Congress is in full swing, and with the 2024 presidential election on the horizon, we have a lot of work to do. Thank you for your support, and we look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure conservative climate and clean energy priorities are not left out of the conversation.

Sincerely,

Heather Reams  
President  
CRES and CRES Forum

# CRES BY THE NUMBERS



**12**

**STAFF AND MEMBER BRIEFINGS**



**133**

**HILL MEETINGS**



**13**

**OP-EDS**



**63**  
LTEs



**43**  
BLOG POSTS



**1 Million+**  
SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS



**1,484**  
TOTAL MEDIA MENTIONS



**10**  
CRES TEAM MEMBERS HIRED





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# POLICY DRIVEN.

## Issue Briefs & Publications

In 2023, CRES Forum policy staff and fellows released publications and research analyzing clean energy and emission-reducing solutions through a conservative lens.

### **WHITE PAPER: HOW A NEW TRADE REGIME CAN COUNTER CHINESE SUPPLY CHAIN DOMINANCE AND NEO-COLONIALISM**

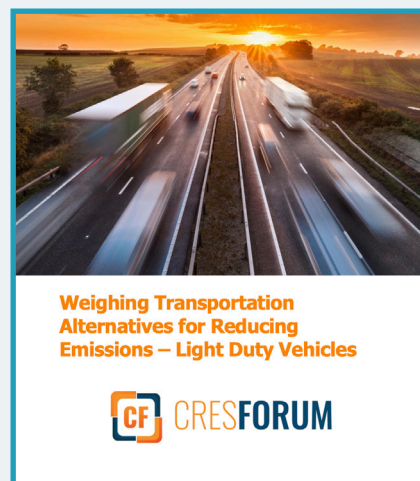
CRES Forum Senior Fellow George David Banks authored a white paper outlining how the United States can leverage trade policy to combat the Chinese Communist Party's (CCP) efforts to dominate global supply chains and reduce reliance on the Chinese economy, which is three times more carbon-intensive than the United States.



*“In curtailing Chinese relative dominance, focus should be given to creating a new trade paradigm that holds China accountable for its poor environmental, human rights, and labor record.”*

### **WHITE PAPER: WEIGHING TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES FOR REDUCING EMISSIONS - LIGHT DUTY VEHICLES**

CRES Forum Senior Fellow George David Banks, R Street Institute Senior Fellow Philip Rossetti, and Harvard Law School Research Fellow Ashley Nunes authored a white paper highlighting an all-of-the-above strategy to reducing emissions in the transportation sector from light-duty vehicles and outlining policy recommendations for emissions-reducing alternatives to an electric vehicle-only approach.



*“Policymakers must accept that there are constraints to their preferred political outcomes, and instead pursue policies that reward emission mitigation in an agnostic manner.”*

## ISSUE BRIEF: REDUCING INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS

As the demand for industrial commodities grows in developing nations, it matters where these goods are produced. In the U.S., manufactured products are 40% more carbon efficient than the world average. CRES Forum published an issue brief to outline commonsense climate policy to address global emissions, incentivize carbon-efficiency leadership within the domestic industrial sector, and increase American competitiveness.

## ISSUE BRIEF: ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION INFRASTRUCTURE

Increased long distance and interregional transmission is key to increasing access to affordable, reliable, and clean energy across the United States. CRES Forum published an issue brief to highlight how expanding and modernizing transmission infrastructure can facilitate reliability and resilience, lower electricity costs, and help drive economic growth.

## Right on Energy: A CRES Forum Blog

CRES Forum debuted a new policy-focused blog, Right on Energy, featuring responsible policy solutions to timely energy and climate issues. Whether it's novel policy proposals, recently enacted legislation or the United States' role in international policymaking, CRES Forum highlights conservative solutions to the energy

and climate challenges we face today. The Right on Energy blog [launched](#) with a series on clean energy tax credits and their role in deploying clean energy technologies.



# PRESENTED BY CRESFORUM

CRES Forum continued its series, CRES Academy, to educate Republican staff focused on climate and energy challenges, technology, conservative policy solutions and legislative initiatives. Sessions featured senior staff from the U.S. House Committee on Energy & Commerce, U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources, U.S. House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology and U.S. House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure, as well as external policy experts and industry leaders.

## HOUSE REPUBLICANS' LOWER ENERGY COSTS ACT (H.R. 1)



## ENERGY INNOVATION, FUNDING AND OVERSIGHT





## CRES Forum Events

CRES Forum hosted several briefings and networking receptions with Republican staff and external stakeholders to help advance key policy priorities. Expert panelists included leading energy and business trade associations, international think tanks and domestic and international corporate partners. They also featured remarks from lawmakers who are working to promote commonsense clean energy and climate solutions in Congress, including CRES Clean Energy Champions U.S. Senator Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.), U.S. Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa) and U.S. Rep. Garret Graves (R-La.).

### **HARNESSING AMERICAN INNOVATION: REDUCING INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS**

American industry leaders and technology innovators shared promising solutions to further reduce production emissions in tough-to-decarbonize sectors, as well as the potential for expanding the U.S. competitive advantage and leadership in global emissions reduction.



### **UNDERSTANDING CHINESE ECONOMIC AGGRESSION & ITS ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS**

Speakers explored how the United States can leverage sound trade policy to combat the Chinese Communist Party's neo-colonialism and the environmental impacts of its economic aggression. The program featured keynote remarks from U.S. Senator Kevin Cramer (R-N.D.).



## PERMITTING REFORM: INSIGHTS FROM INDUSTRY

Industry experts and leaders in the policymaking community highlighted the key role permitting reform plays in increasing U.S. innovation, made-in-America technologies, and responsible development of domestic energy resources to enhance our national security. The speakers outlined how the United States can meet future energy goals by streamlining and modernizing our federal permitting processes to give certainty to those willing to invest in, develop and deploy new clean energy sources.



## COP28: HOW REPUBLICANS CAN DEMONSTRATE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP ON A GLOBAL STAGE

CRES Forum convened energy industry voices with experience at the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change – commonly known as the COP – and senior congressional staff who understand the important inroads Republicans can make with international policy leaders to preview the ideas conservatives brought to COP28 in Dubai, UAE.

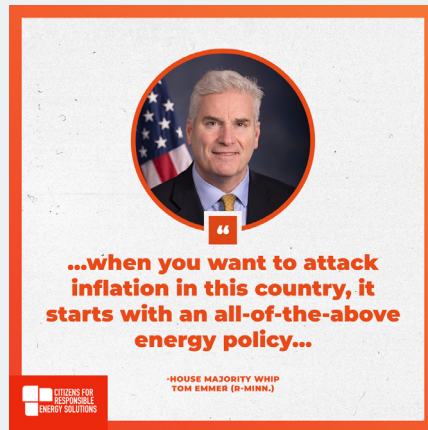




# ON THE HILL.

## Championing the Lower Energy Costs Act

CRES was proud to endorse House Republicans' H.R. 1, the *Lower Energy Costs Act*, as well as many of the components making up the legislation to lower costs, increase energy production, reduce U.S. reliance on foreign countries, and improve federal permitting processes.



*"When American energy resources are stifled by unnecessary red tape, we export our jobs instead of our energy, resulting in increased global emissions. Though this is not the last step to fixing a broken system, it is the first and an invaluable step."*

- [CRES President Heather Reams](#)

### CRES Forum polling demonstrates that Republicans and Independents nationwide support provisions in H.R. 1:

**87%** support making it easier to develop the American minerals and resources necessary for clean energy production in the U.S.

**80%** favor speeding up government review of energy infrastructure project applications to build more in America faster.

**85%** say developing America's natural gas supplies is critical to our national security and our environment because the lifecycle emissions of U.S.-produced natural gas is 41% lower than Russia.

## Defending Clean Energy Tax Provisions

Clean energy tax credits included in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) came under fire this year from Republicans in the House and the Senate. Many of these tax provisions have historically enjoyed bipartisan support, but – because they were signed into law in a partisan fashion – the tax credits face intense scrutiny from Republican leadership.

*“CRES did not support the passage of the IRA despite our support for historically bipartisan policies that benefit American clean energy innovation—including carbon capture, hydrogen, solar, wind, nuclear, and more. As the conversation continues about how to resolve the out-of-control national debt, CRES will work to ensure that clean, affordable, and reliable energy remains a national priority.”*

- [CRES President Heather Reams](#)

CRES continues to work with Members in both chambers to ensure tax credits that benefit local communities, create American jobs and advance clean energy development and innovation are not dismantled.

To support Republican Members of Congress who received backlash or false claims of not supporting clean energy tax provisions, CRES deployed targeted ad campaigns to their districts.



## Securing Clean Energy Investments

CRES recognizes the important role U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) programs and offices play in strengthening clean energy development, promoting American innovation and supporting grid reliability. We advocated for sustained and increased funding for valued DOE program areas:

- Carbon Dioxide Removal Crosscutting Activities
- Critical Minerals Crosscutting Activities
- Grid Deployment Office
- Hydrogen Innovation Crosscutting Activities
- Industrial Decarbonization Crosscutting Activities
- Loan Program Office
- Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
- Office of Manufacturing & Energy Supply Chains
- SUPER Act Implementation & Clean Steel Innovation Research and Development



## SUPPORTING INNOVATION FUNDING

CRES joined strong coalitions in sending letters to House and Senate Appropriations Energy and Water Development Subcommittee leadership advocating for increased investment in American clean energy innovation to build upon the United States' legacy of clean energy leadership and to reduce reliance on foreign nations like China.

## Congressional Fly-In

CRES, in partnership with the Conservative Energy Network (CEN), hosted its 6<sup>th</sup> [annual fly-in](#), in-person for the first time in 3 years. Nearly 50 CRES and CEN leaders met with over 85 Republican Members of Congress and staff from 17 states to deliver a single message: Expanding American clean energy is good policy and good politics.



**Over two impactful days, our team championed U.S. policies that will help lower global emissions, including:**

- Permitting reform
- Strengthened domestic critical mineral supply chain
- Tax incentives for the development and deployment of clean energy technologies
- Policies to increase American manufacturing and competitiveness
- Funding for important DOE research, development, and deployment programs





## REPUBLICAN CLEAN ENERGY LEADERSHIP MUST BE RECOGNIZED

*“Americans want lower energy costs, reduced reliance on foreign countries, and access to reliable, affordable, and clean energy; Republicans have the solutions.”*

- CRES President Heather Reams & CEN CEO John Szoka in [\*The Hill\*](#)



## CRES on Capitol Hill

This year, CRES kicked off a new virtual series, “CRES on Capitol Hill,” to provide timely updates and relevant insights to our partners on congressional developments, legislations, and policy announcements. CRES President Heather Reams, Vice President of Government Relations Shawn Affolter, and CRES Senior Fellows shared information about clean energy tax provisions, permitting reform, House and Senate debt ceiling negotiations and more. We look forward to continuing to pursue these off-the-record conversations over the next year and beyond.



## Clean Energy Champions

Each year, [CRES honors Republican lawmakers](#) who have gone above and beyond in driving and supporting clean energy and climate legislation that protects our communities as well as our economy.



### **Senator Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.V.)**

As Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works, Senator Capito has enacted reforms to cut red tape and speed up review for clean energy projects supporting American resources. She also championed the ADVANCE Act of 2023, making strides in America's path toward zero-emissions energy.

*"The United States has everything to gain by strengthening our energy sector and supporting policies that deliver clean, affordable energy American rely on every single day."*



### **Senator Bill Cassidy (R-La.)**

As a member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, Senator Cassidy advocates for a comprehensive energy strategy. His introduction of the RISEE Act ensures offshore wind revenue benefits coastal communities for restoration and protection.

*"No one produces energy cleaner than the U.S., especially in Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico. We can power our country and the world while making our air and water cleaner to breathe and drink and that all starts with producing more at home."*



### **Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.)**

As Chairman of the U.S. House Committee on Natural Resources, Congressman Westerman has championed efforts to reform permitting and unlock American resources for clean energy projects. His Save Our Sequoias Act also aims to protect our nation's iconic Giant Sequoias and utilize our forests as vital carbon sinks.

*"Getting the first reforms to NEPA in nearly 40 years signed into law was a major win for 2023, but our work in Congress is far from over. I look forward to continuing to fight for energy policies that benefit every American."*



### **Congresswoman Jen Kiggans (R-Va.)**

Congresswoman Kiggans is a strong advocate for clean energy and conservation, prioritizing offshore wind investment for local growth and national security. She introduced bipartisan legislation to enhance environmental education and restore the Chesapeake Bay.

*"I'm proud to represent Southeast Virginia where we are leading the way on a commonsense, all-of-the-above energy strategy that will provide American people with affordable, reliable, and clean energy!"*



# DEFINING THE MESSAGE.

## Pulse of the Nation

### REPUBLICANS AND INDEPENDENTS SUPPORT ACTION TO PROMOTE CLEAN ENERGY AND COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

CRES Forum conducted a [nationwide survey](#) of Republicans and Independents to gauge attitudes toward climate change action, clean energy development in the United States and America's competitive advantage.

#### Key Takeaways:



Significant percentages of both Republicans and Independents are concerned about climate change and believe action needs to be taken to address it, as well as accelerating the development and use of clean energy here at home.



Majorities of Republicans and Independents want their Member of Congress working to address climate change and want to see the federal government developing more clean energy in the United States.



Republicans and Independents favor "America First" when it comes to energy production and incentivizing clean energy projects, especially when it comes to China. The same goes for policies to address climate change.



Voters want an all-of-the-above energy approach and prefer that it's done in America vs. Russia or China because we do it cleaner. They feel the same about manufacturing vital products like steel, cement, iron, and chemicals.



Republican and Independent voters support a variety of clean energy resources, but support for these resources grows among those who live next to clean power generation facilities.

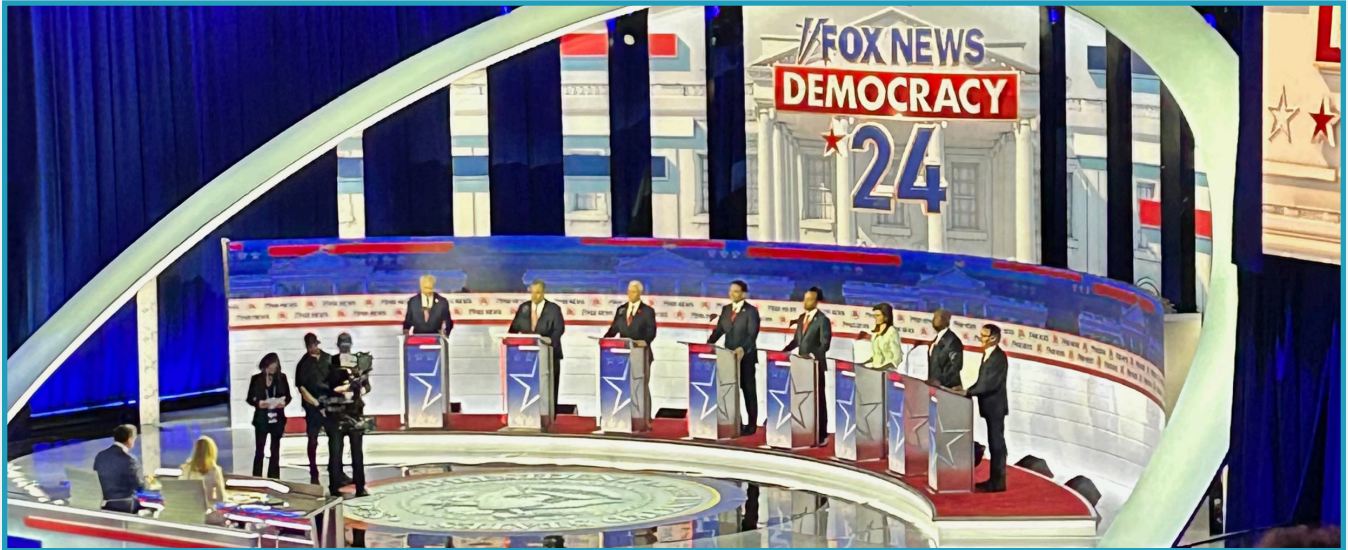
## Clean Energy Army

This year, CRES took on the endeavor of building out a grassroots Clean Energy Army. Not only does this group of advocates help us gauge interest for conservative clean energy and climate initiatives, but they are vital to advancing our message of Republican energy leadership across the United States.

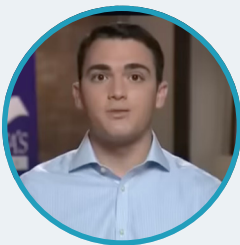
**In 2023, the Clean Energy Army amassed 5,400 subscribers. We look forward to continue growing our Army and our influence.**

## Looking to 2024

CRES President Heather Reams attended the first Republican presidential primary debate in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where American energy security and climate change were front and center. CRES will continue to play a role in the 2024 election cycle, helping to shape the conversation around conservative clean energy and climate policy.

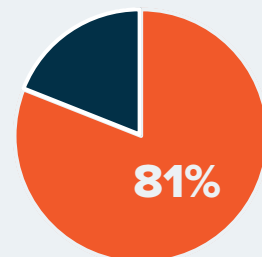


*“Any Republican presidential candidate who wants to be taken seriously must acknowledge climate change and outline their plan to promote affordable, reliable, and clean American energy.” - CRES President Heather Reams*



The only audience-submitted question of the debate came from former CRES communications intern, Alex Diaz, who pointed to strong support among young Republican voters for a conservative climate plan stressed the important role climate policy plays for young Republican voters and asked the candidates to outline their solutions.

According to **CRES Forum polling**, **81% of Republican voters aged 18-44 believe climate change is a threat and action should be taken to address it.**



## In The News

Throughout the year, the CRES team was featured in a variety of high-profile publications, including the *Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *CNN* and the *New York Times*. CRES President Heather Reams also authored opinion pieces for *FOX News* and *The Hill*, and maintained a regular column for RealClearEnergy.

### WASHINGTONIAN'S 500 MOST INFLUENTIAL

CRES President Heather Reams was named one of [\*Washingtonian's\* Most Influential for Energy](#), a recognition given to experts and advocates who play big roles in Washington's policy debates.

### BOLD INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

In celebration of International Women's Day, CRES President Heather Reams participated in a [global virtual panel discussion](#) women-centric leadership titled, "What If Women Led Energy?"

### CLEAN ENERGY PERMITTING REFORM: THE PATH AHEAD

CRES President Heather Reams participated in a [panel](#) hosted by The Hill and Advanced Energy United to discuss the path forward for clean energy permitting reform. She joined U.S. Rep. John Curtis (R-Utah), U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper (D-Colo.), Maria Robinson from the U.S. Department of Energy Grid Deployment Office, and other energy industry leaders to discuss solutions to modernize permitting processes and promote clean, affordable and reliable energy.

### THE FUTURE OF GRID RELIABILITY

CRES Vice President of Policy and Research Richard Campbell participated in a [panel](#) hosted by POLITICO Live to discuss the future of America's power grid as the demand for electricity continues to rise. Joining him on the panel was Heather Teilhet, senior vice president of external affairs at Oglethorpe Power Corporation, and Thomas Coleman, executive director of SAFE's Grid Security Project. Campbell pointed out the need to avoid legal battles that challenge energy projects and undermine efforts for permitting reform.





## **SOLAR ENERGY INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION (SEIA) AT RE+**

CRES Vice President of Government Relations Shawn Affolter joined SEIA for a panel discussion exploring how the partisan passage of the Inflation Reduction Act has impacted the solar industry and the work CRES is doing to depoliticize tax credits. He highlighted that Republicans recognize the United States is one of the most carbon-efficient economies in the world, and when we produce, global emissions go down.



## **DRIVING THE CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION**

CRES President Heather Reams took the stage at the Clean Energy Transition Conference to discuss the latest policy and industry efforts supporting the clean energy transition. She provided a conservative perspective on the many economic and environmental opportunities that clean energy offers, while discussing how policymakers can overcome remaining challenges.



## **THE SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: DRIVING FORWARD TOWARD CLEAN FUEL**

CRES President Heather Reams discussed the value of an all-of-the-above approach to reducing transportation emissions on a [panel](#) at POLITICO Live's event, The Sustainable Future: Driving Toward Clean Fuel. She highlighted the need for a technology-neutral strategy that strengthens the United States economy and national security, reduces emissions in the transportation industry, and diversifies our clean energy portfolio.



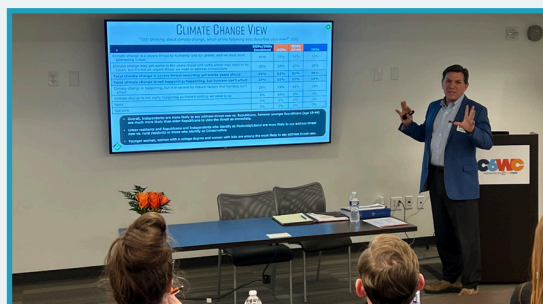


Cool Conservative Communicators Collaborating on Climate Change with CRES Forum (C6WC) serves as a one-of-a-kind quarterly opportunity for Republican communicators in the House and Senate to learn about ways to strengthen their skills and amplify their bosses' conservative clean energy messages to constituents. Events in 2023 ranged from scene-setting briefings for the new House Republican majority and networking opportunities with industry professionals and energy beat reporters to briefings on CRES Forum clean energy and climate polling data and messaging preparation for COP28.

### COMMUNICATING IN THE NEW CONGRESS



### CREATING A WINNING MESSAGE



### ROOFTOP RECEPTION WITH REPORTERS



### REPUBLICAN MESSAGING AT COP28





# TEAMING UP.

CRES and CRES Forum are proud to work with an extensive and influential group of clean energy advocates and conservative leaders.



## Partnership Program

For the past decade, CRES and CRES Forum have worked to revolutionize the way Republican members of the U.S. House of Representatives and U.S. Senate support American clean energy development and policies to reduce global emissions. Our work has resulted in the creation of a unique, comprehensive engagement program that educates federal legislators and staff about effective policy priorities. To build on our success and increase our effectiveness, we launched the Partnership Program, and in 2023, CRES Forum brought on several outstanding partners to support and complement our educational and advocacy work.



...and **MORE!**

Interested organizations should contact [externalrelations@cresenergy.com](mailto:externalrelations@cresenergy.com) to discuss partnership opportunities.

## Arctic Encounter Symposium

CRES President Heather Reams [participated in the Arctic Encounter Symposium](#) in Anchorage where she hosted a panel of Alaska energy leaders to discuss the challenges and the opportunities facing clean energy deployment in remote areas of Alaska.



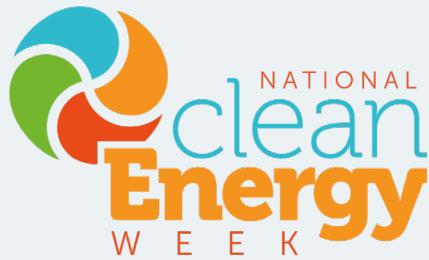
U.S. Rep. John Curtis (R-Utah) joined CRES President Heather Reams for a panel discussion at Arctic Encounter alongside U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree (D-Maine) to highlight bipartisan and commonsense climate solutions.

## Conservative Energy Network Conclave

CRES President Heather Reams joined the [Conservative Energy Network's \(CEN\) Conclave](#) in Des Moines, Iowa, to participate in a panel about clean energy opportunities at the federal level, from permitting reform to clean energy tax credits. She highlighted the Conservative Climate Caucus and the annual CRES and CEN congressional fly-in as evidence that Members of Congress are serious about support for affordable, reliable, and clean American energy.







The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual National Clean Energy Week, which took place from September 25-29, 2023, included participation by a record-breaking number of energy experts, industry leaders, Members of Congress and administration officials who shared the importance of American clean energy leadership.

NCEW, a program of CRES Forum, is an annual bipartisan celebration of clean energy development in the United States, which includes week-long programming and networking opportunities, concluding in the VIP Reception and Gala Dinner.

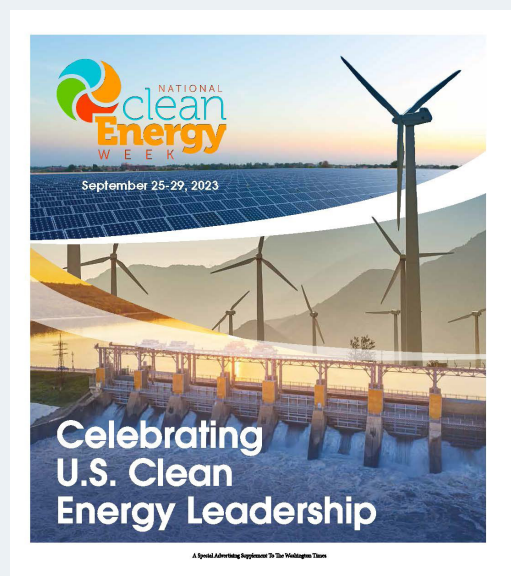


The flagship Policymakers Symposium, hosted both virtually and in-person for the first time since 2019, reached over 1,300 registrants in D.C. and across the country. The Symposium featured discussions on hot topics in the clean energy industry, from permitting reform and power grid resiliency to reducing emissions in the U.S. industrial sector and capitalizing on America's carbon advantage.



Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact [info@nationalcleanenergyweek.org](mailto:info@nationalcleanenergyweek.org) for more information.

In addition to [remarks](#) provided by nearly 20 bipartisan Members of Congress, NCEW proudly hosted U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) for remarks on how U.S. businesses are leading the charge for decarbonization, as well as U.S. Reps. John Curtis (R-Utah), Scott Peters (D-Calif.) and Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.) for a panel discussion on bipartisan clean energy initiatives in Congress during the Gala Dinner.

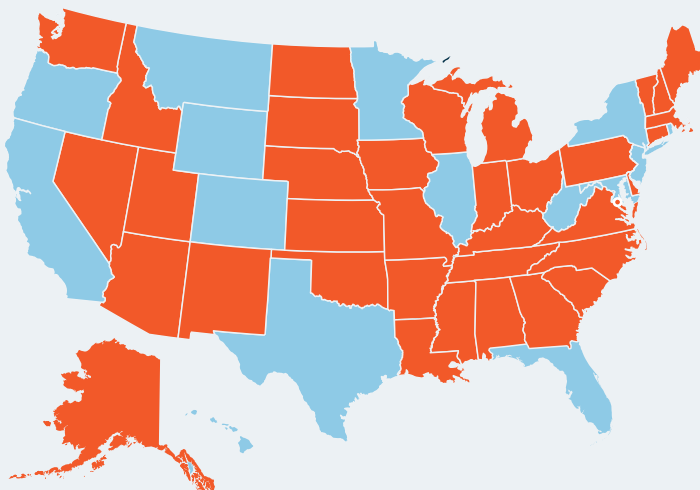


## The Washington Times

This year, we also sponsored the first-ever [Washington Times National Clean Energy Week Special Edition](#), which featured opinion pieces by 8 Members of Congress, 2 mayors, and 12 industry and policy leaders.

U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and U.S. Reps. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa) and Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-R.I.) introduced [bipartisan, bicameral resolutions to officially declare National Clean Energy Week](#) throughout the United States. The resolutions garnered support from 18 Senators and 80 Representatives.

**CELEBRATING  
2023 CLEAN ENERGY  
WEEK ACROSS THE  
UNITED STATES!**



In conjunction with the nationwide celebration, leaders in 38 states, including Washington, D.C., and 49 municipalities across the country [declared Clean Energy Week](#) in their respective jurisdictions.

# NCEW BY THE NUMBERS



**60**

**INDUSTRY  
EXPERTS**



**7**

**BIDEN ADMINISTRATION  
OFFICIALS**



**21**

**CONGRESSIONAL  
MEMBERS**



**320**

**GALA DINNER  
ATTENDEES**



**1,300**

**SYMPOSIUM  
REGISTRANTS**



**45**

**SPONSOR  
ORGANIZATIONS**



**434**

**MEDIA MENTIONS**



**2.7M+**

**SOCIAL IMPRESSIONS**



**80**

**U.S. HOUSE RESOLUTION  
COSPONSORS**



**18**

**U.S. SENATE RESOLUTION  
COSPONSORS**



**38**

**GOVERNOR  
PROCLAMATIONS**



## Conservative Climate Foundation

In 2023, CRES Forum continued to help grow the [Conservative Climate Foundation \(CCF\)](#) - a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2021. CCF executes unique educational networking events that support congressional offices engaged in conservative climate policy, including members of the Conservative Climate Caucus (CCC), founded and chaired by U.S. Rep. John Curtis (R-Utah), which now boasts a membership of over 80 Republican Members of Congress.



### COP28

Since its inception, CRES Forum has helped CCF facilitate a conservative United States delegation at the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP). In 2023, CCF hosted a bicameral delegation of over 25 Republican senior staff to COP28 in Dubai, UAE, to acknowledge American clean energy leadership as the solution to the global climate challenge on an international stage.





This year, the trip was planned in coordination with an official bipartisan delegation of Members of Congress hosted by the U.S. House Committee on Energy & Commerce, the first ever Republican-led member delegation to the COP. U.S. Reps. Kelly Armstrong (R-N.D.), Michael Burgess (R-Texas), Tim Walberg (R-Mich.), Buddy Carter (R-Ga.), Jeff Duncan (R-S.C.), John Curtis (R-Utah), Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa), Garret Graves (R-La.) and Brandon Williams (R-N.Y.), as well as U.S. Reps. Frank Pallone (D-N.J.), Dianna DeGette (D-Col.), Kathy Castor (D-Fla.), Annie Kuster (D-N.H.) and Scott Peters (D-Calif.), were all in attendance.



Republican climate solutions balance economic prosperity, energy affordability, national security, and environmental protection – an approach that differs from the Biden Administration and deserves to be heard by a global audience.



## COMMUNICATORS RETREAT

CRES Forum took part in [CCF's 2nd Annual Communicators Retreat](#) in Charleston, SC. In attendance were over 70 U.S. House and Senate communicators, industry leaders, and partners uniquely positioned to champion an energy approach that lowers global carbon emissions, strengthens the economy, and keeps America competitive.



*“Getting out of D.C. and gathering for this important event in a city particularly vulnerable to the consequences of climate change was critical to our efforts and overall mission.”*

- Conservative Climate Foundation Chair  
Heather Reams

The retreat’s programming centered on educating attendees on the effects climate change has on coastal cities like Charleston and equipping communicators with the necessary tools to engage Congress and the media on responsible, conservative solutions to energy and climate concerns.

## GROWING.

2023 was an incredible year for CRES and CRES Forum. We grew our internal team in order to expand our influence on clean energy and climate policy, advocacy, and messaging. We aren’t done yet, and we are looking forward to a new year with even greater opportunities.



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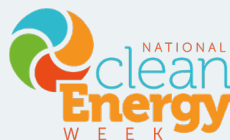
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