



2024 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.

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

Friends and Colleagues,

2024 was another banner year for CRES and CRES Forum. Our engagement and education efforts have been in overdrive thanks to the addition of new team members and a focused effort on deepening our thought leadership. Not only are Republicans part of the clean energy conversation, but we are now leading it.

Our advocacy efforts spanned across the United States and beyond—from committee hearing rooms on Capitol Hill, to Plant Vogtle in Georgia, to the Republican National Convention in Wisconsin, to COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan. Each opportunity brought an added level of expertise and positioned CRES as the leading voice in the all-of-the-above energy and climate space.

With permitting reform on the top of everyone's mind, I was honored to testify before the House Committee on Natural Resources in favor of the permitting reform discussion draft introduced by Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.). CRES continues to spearhead the charge for meaningful—and durable—permitting reform legislation, and we have cemented our role as a guiding force for negotiations.

CRES continued to champion clean energy tax credits that are helping to unleash American homegrown energy in every region of our country. In August, with our support, Rep. Andrew Garbarino (R-N.Y.) recruited 17 Republican members to send a letter to House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) urging him to protect specific clean energy tax credits. In response, the Speaker vowed to approach the credits with “a scalpel and not a sledgehammer.” This work continues as we welcome a new Congress and Administration to our nation's capital.

The CRES Forum team planned and produced the 8th annual National Clean Energy Week (NCEW), bringing together policymakers, advocates and industry to discuss the policies and progress in clean energy deployment and emissions reduction. During NCEW, we were proud to recognize U.S. Senators Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.) and U.S. Representatives Buddy Carter (R-Ga.) and Tim Walberg (R-Mich.) as 2024 CRES Clean Energy Champions. These lawmakers have each demonstrated their commitment to a cleaner, more reliable energy future and join the ranks of 28 Members of Congress and six Governors who have been recognized as Clean Energy Champions since 2017.

As I look to the Republican-led 119th Congress and the Trump Administration, I am optimistic about what's ahead. As a right-of-center organization, our work is more important than ever, and you can count on our continued leadership. My team and I look forward to working with you to ensure that there is an abundant, reliable and clean energy future for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Heather Reams
President
CRES and CRES Forum

CRES BY THE NUMBERS 2024



17

**STAFF + MEMBER
BRIEFINGS**



173

HILL MEETINGS



40

**CONGRESSIONAL
ENDORSEMENTS**



84

BLOG POSTS



21

OP-EDS



52

PRESS RELEASES



2,041

MEDIA MENTIONS



2.06M

SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS



7,701

**CLEAN ENERGY ARMY
SUBSCRIBERS**



900

EVENT ATTENDEES



1,000

**LIKELY VOTERS
POLLED**

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POLICY DRIVEN.

Issue Briefs & Publications

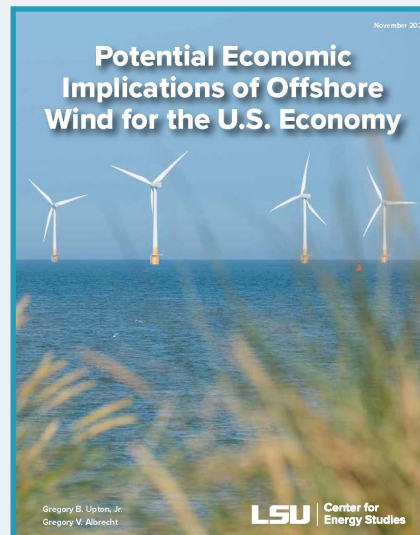
In 2024, CRES Forum policy staff and university partners released publications and research analyzing clean energy and emission-reducing solutions through a conservative lens.

All white papers may be found on our website at CRESForum.org/white-papers/.

WHITE PAPER: Potential Economic Implications of Offshore Wind for the U.S. Economy

CRES Forum partnered with the Louisiana State University Center for Energy Studies (LSU-CES) to publish a white paper that considers the economic benefits of two potential U.S. offshore wind build-out scenarios, including job creation and GDP.

“The AEO and NREL project a future build-out, and economic impact analysis of each scenario indicates that development of the industry can support a substantial number of jobs, earnings, and overall domestic product within the U.S., during construction itself and from operations of the built-out capacity.”



WHITE PAPER: Growing an Industry for Clean Hydrogen

CRES Forum published a white paper outlining how hydrogen can be used to decrease emissions in hard-to-abate sectors, strengthen U.S. energy leadership and increase our nation's competitive edge, as well as significant policy gaps that hinder the growth and scalability of hydrogen technologies.

“Scaling up a robust and competitive hydrogen industry in the United States will require pulling a variety of policy levers to strike a balance between the right amount of incentives, ensuring the cleanest production possible and allowing developers enough leeway to get their projects off the ground.”



ISSUE BRIEF: Farm Bill Provides Opportunity to Repair Conservation Programs

CRES Forum published an issue brief outlining critical policy updates to improve conservation programs administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in anticipation of the upcoming Farm Bill. The brief makes recommendations for lawmakers to cut regulatory red tape put in place by the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and make it easier for America's farmers, ranchers and land managers to access funding, implement climate-smart practices and lower global emissions.

ISSUE BRIEF: The LNG "Pause": Detriments to Global Emissions and Energy Security

CRES Forum published an issue brief highlighting the Biden Administration's de facto ban on pending decisions for exports of liquified natural gas (LNG) exports. The brief outlines the impacts of the ban on the United States, a clean energy future and national security interests.

ISSUE BRIEF: The Untapped Potential of Geothermal Energy

CRES Forum published an issue brief detailing the benefits of geothermal energy, which is largely untapped. The brief highlights the benefits of expanding geothermal as well as the critical barriers the industry faces, including permitting and technological advances.

BLOG: The *Atomic Energy Advancement Act*: Preparing the Way for Advanced Nuclear Power Plants

BLOG: *Advanced Nuclear for Clean Power Act of 2024*: Addressing Expected New Clean Power Demand

BLOG: H.R. 7685, the *Innovative Mitigation Partnerships for Asphalt and Concrete Technologies Act*: A Concrete Way to Reduce Emissions and Not American Jobs

BLOG: The *Energy Permitting Reform Act of 2024*: A Step Towards Fixing a Broken Permitting System

Right on Energy: A CRES Forum Blog

Through 2024, CRES Forum’s “Right on Energy” blog outlined three critical clean energy tax credits and the role these tax credits play in deploying clean energy technologies. All “Right on Energy” blogs may be found on our website at CRESForum.org/blog/.



SECTION 45V HYDROGEN PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS

Hydrogen has been dubbed the “Swiss army knife” of clean energy, given its potential to become a tool to cut emissions in key sectors, as well as to assert U.S. global energy leadership and increase our nation’s competitive edge. This “Right on Energy” blog post examines the U.S. Treasury proposed guidance for the Section 45V hydrogen production tax credit (PTC), challenges to hydrogen production and opportunities for a U.S. clean hydrogen economy.

SECTION 45X ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PRODUCTION TAX CREDITS

Section 45X provides an advanced manufacturing production credit to domestic manufacturers of applicable clean energy components. The blog post explores how the U.S. can and should establish a domestic supply chain and grow domestic manufacturing capacity for these valuable resources to bolster U.S. economic strength and reduce reliance on adversarial countries like Russia and China.

SECTION 45Q CARBON CAPTURE TAX CREDITS

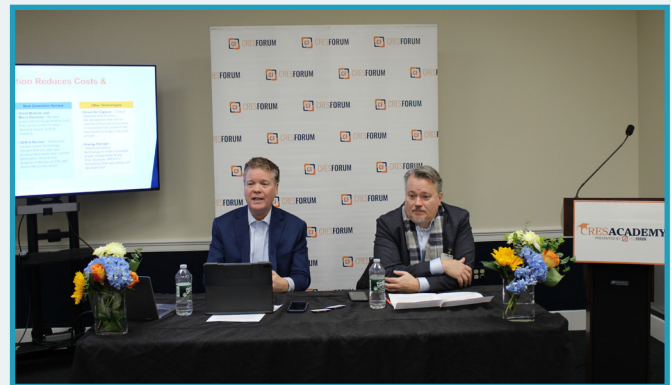
The United States is experiencing a historic period of load growth and resource demand led by new manufacturing, industrial facilities and data centers. In this context, carbon capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) technologies are emerging as a crucial solution – and one of the most cost-effective – to address the challenge of meeting increased energy demand while simultaneously reducing emissions.



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 were designed to be industry-specific and featured senior congressional staff, external policy experts and industry leaders. Each session boasted between 40 and 60 attendees.

CLEAN ENERGY GENERATION 101

The first CRES Academy session of 2024 focused on the basics of clean energy generation. It was an opportunity for congressional staff to gain better insight into how the United States leads the rest of the globe in clean energy generation and carbon emissions reduction, as well as a historical look at Republican leadership in the climate space.



AMERICAN LNG 101

The second CRES Academy session of 2024 focused on the Biden Administration's de facto ban on new U.S. liquified natural gas export terminals, despite the fact that U.S. LNG is among the cleanest in the world and an increasingly important geopolitical asset.

GEOTHERMAL ENERGY 101

The third CRES Academy session of 2024 highlighted geothermal energy, a baseload, renewable energy resource that contributes to the United States' all-of-the-above energy portfolio. Attendees learned about geothermal production processes, challenges in advancing the technology and market conditions to aid in development.



TRANSMISSION 101

The fourth CRES Academy session of 2024 explored the United States' transmission system: the current state of planning and operation processes, how processes differ depending on market structure and future transmission needs.



BIOFUELS 101

The fifth CRES Academy session of 2024 covered the fundamentals of biofuels – including ethanol, biodiesel and sustainable aviation fuel – and their potential to meet transportation demands with an abundant American resource.



NUCLEAR 101

The sixth and final CRES Academy session of 2024 was titled, “Nuclear 101: The Role of Nuclear Technologies in Powering the Future” and explored the vital importance of nuclear assets for the future of energy in the U.S., including the different regulatory environments that nuclear utilities operate in, the deployment challenges that nuclear technologies face and the federal incentives that are helping support a nuclear renaissance in America.

CRES Forum Events

CRES Forum hosted several educational events, including briefings and networking receptions, with Republican congressional staff and external stakeholders to advance key policy priorities. Expert panelists included leading energy and business trade associations, international think tanks and domestic and international corporate partners.

HYDROGEN INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE

CRES Forum convened a hydrogen industry roundtable for policy experts and industry leaders to discuss the recently released draft Treasury guidance on 45V tax credits that informed our official comments to the U.S. Treasury.



FACING HEADWINDS TO DEPLOYMENT: U.S. OFFSHORE WIND

CRES Forum hosted a briefing with keynote remarks from Rep. Jen Kiggans (R-Va.) and industry experts who discussed what Congress can do to help strengthen U.S. offshore wind as developers navigate various setbacks including supply chains and inflation.

ARE CLEAN ENERGY TAX CREDITS WORKING?

CRES Forum convened experts from Congress and industry, moderated by CRES Forum President Heather Reams, to answer the multi-billion-dollar question in today's energy space: Are clean energy tax credits working? (Spoiler alert: the answer is yes.). Panelists explored the state of clean energy investment resulting from the tax credits and what Congress can do to continue to spur American energy innovation.



WILL HYDROGEN HAVE ITS MOMENT? PERSPECTIVES FROM INDUSTRY

CRES Forum convened industry leaders on the frontlines of clean hydrogen development and debuted the latest CRES Forum white paper, "Growing an Industry for Clean Hydrogen."



WINDS OF OPPORTUNITY: STRENGTHENING ENERGY SECURITY THROUGH OFFSHORE INNOVATION

CRES Forum convened offshore wind industry experts as well as Louisiana State University Center for Energy Studies' (LSU-CES) executive director and associate research professor to debut its latest white paper, "Potential Economic Implications of Offshore Wind for the U.S. Economy."

ON THE HILL.

Advancing Bipartisan Permitting Reform

CRES endorsed several pieces of permitting reform legislation this year as well as a discussion draft introduced by Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.). CRES President Heather Reams testified before the House Committee on Natural Resources in support of the policies laid out in the draft.



CRES sent a letter of support to the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources in support of the *Energy Permitting Reform Act* introduced by Sens. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.) and Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.). CRES also joined industry leaders, led by the American Clean Power Association, in sending two letters to Senate leadership urging them to compromise and pass permitting reform in the 118th Congress.



“We have the incredible opportunity to solve some of the most pressing issues facing our communities by streamlining permitting for crucial infrastructure projects and eliminating bureaucratic red tape that is holding back development of our domestic energy and mineral resources.”
- Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.)



“For far too long, Washington’s disastrous permitting system has shackled American energy production and punished families in Wyoming and across our country. Congress must step in and fix this process.”
- Sen. John Barrasso (R-Wyo.)

“Clean energy projects nationwide are being stalled by a pattern of frivolous lawsuits from extreme environmental groups. By streamlining the judicial process and ensuring timely approvals, we can maintain strong environmental standards while accelerating the development of clean energy.”
- CRES President Heather Reams

Securing Clean Energy Investments

CRES understands 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. This year, CRES advocated for increased funding for the following:

- Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR), Hydrogen and Industrial Decarbonization Crosscutting Initiatives
- Grid Deployment Office
- Loan Programs Office
- Office of Clean Energy Demonstrations
- Low-Emissions Steel Manufacturing Research Program (SUPER Act)

In addition, CRES joined a letter to the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee in support of carbon dioxide removal research, development and demonstration, as well as efforts to reduce reliance on foreign nations like China.

Championing American Manufacturing

The U.S. Senate Committee on Environmental and Public Works (EPW) passed the *Providing Reliable, Objective, Verifiable Emissions Intensity and Transparency (PROVE IT) Act*—a CRES-endorsed proposal to prove what we already know to be true: American-produced goods result in lower emissions than our economic competitors. Prior to committee advancement, CRES President Heather Reams sent a letter to Senate EPW Chairman Tom Carper (D-Del.) and Ranking Member Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) urging support of the legislation and following its passage, Reams released a celebratory statement.

“The PROVE IT Act would bolster the case that American-produced goods result in lower emissions than our economic competitors.”

- CRES President Heather Reams

Protecting Clean Energy Tax Credits

CRES worked behind the scenes to gain signers on a letter, led by Rep. Andrew Garbarino (R-N.Y.), to Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) in support of clean energy tax credits. The final letter was signed by 18 Republican Members of Congress, including 16 Members of the Conservative Climate Caucus.

Advancing Nuclear Energy

The United States experienced an important milestone in the signing into law of the Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy (ADVANCE) Act, which streamlines licensing, regulation and deployment of nuclear energy technologies. The legislation is made up from provisions of Sen. Shelley Moore Capito's (R-W.V.) *ADVANCE Act* and Rep. Jeff Duncan's (R-S.C.) *Atomic Energy Advancement Act*, both of which CRES endorsed and both of which passed with strong bipartisan support.

"The Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy (ADVANCE) Act will empower the United States to lead the next nuclear resurgence, paving the way for advanced energy technologies that can be used here at home and exported abroad."

- CRES President Heather Reams

Congressional Fly-In

CRES was proud to partner once again with the Conservative Energy Network (CEN) to host its 7th annual fly-in with nearly 50 local clean energy advocates, business leaders and state officials from 17 states. Attendees participated in meetings with nearly 90 congressional offices to advocate for commonsense energy policies.

The two impactful days provided CRES and CEN the opportunity to champion policies that lower global emissions and amplify the following messages:

- Clean energy in America is being held back by red tape and regulatory uncertainty.
- Clean energy incentives and investments increase American competitiveness while driving down global emissions.
- Clean energy innovation is a pillar of American energy dominance.



CRES-Endorsed Candidates are Re-Elected

CRES was proud to be one of the first organizations to endorse CRES Clean Energy Champion and Conservative Climate Caucus Founder and Chair Emeritus John Curtis (R-Utah) for Utah's open seat in the U.S. Senate.

In addition to Rep. Curtis, CRES endorsed a slate of 39 candidates in the House and Senate, with 35 winning re-election.



"It's clear the American electorate want leaders on Capitol Hill who embrace all-of-the-above energy solutions—those that reduce emissions while ensuring energy is reliable, affordable and clean for all. I'm encouraged by their success and look forward to working with them in the next Congress to advance policies that strengthen our energy security and competitive edge in the global marketplace."

- CRES President Heather Reams

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.

In 2024, CRES recognized Senators Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) and Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.) and Representatives Buddy Carter (R-Ga.) and Tim Walberg (R-Mich.).





Senator Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa)

Sen. Grassley has demonstrated constant leadership on prioritizing clean energy incentives, ethanol technologies and all-of-the-above energy policies. He is the “father” of the Wind Energy Incentives Act of 1993 and was instrumental in the development of the Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) in the Energy Policy Act of 2005. Sen. Grassley has been invested in creating a robust clean energy future longer than almost any lawmaker in the clean energy space.

“Energy security demands an all-the-above approach that taps innovators right here at home.”
- Sen. Grassley



Senator Cynthia Lummis (R-Wyo.)

Sen. Lummis’ leadership in the Senate, particularly as Chair of the Senate Western Caucus, has been instrumental in championing the interests of rural communities and ensuring that western voices are heard in the energy policy debate. She has an unwavering commitment to promoting American energy independence and security, and she is dedicated to ensuring the United States has access to reliable, affordable and clean energy.

“We can have an all-of-the-above energy approach where we work to continue using energy sources that we know work while also looking to the future for expansion of clean technologies like nuclear energy.” - Sen. Lummis



Congressman Buddy Carter (R-Ga.)

Rep. Carter has demonstrated global leadership through his prioritization of clean energy incentives and ensuring conservative voices are heard at global forums like COP28. His continued support of new nuclear installations, such as Georgia’s Vogtle nuclear power plant and robust EV and battery manufacturing hub, demonstrates that Rep. Carter is not only supportive of a clean energy future, but he is greatly invested in American jobs and leadership in the clean energy future.

“We all want the same thing – affordable, reliable and clean energy. I’m proud to be part of a vocal group of House Republicans who boldly discuss solutions that allow us to accomplish these goals without killing growth and investment.” - Rep. Carter



Congressman Tim Walberg (R-Mich.)

Rep. Walberg’s leadership on prioritizing clean energy incentives, advocating for American innovation and supporting all-of-the-above energy policies is obvious. In his role on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, he has introduced dozens of bills to promote a clean, domestic energy supply by removing barriers, streamlining permitting, and investing in nuclear, liquid and traditional natural gas, and hydropower. Additionally, Rep. Walberg’s demonstrated interest in boosting both the physical and cyber strength of our grid, as well as its size, will ensure reliability for the foreseeable future, even as energy demand greatly increases thanks to new technologies such as artificial intelligence and electric vehicles (EVs).

“Through an all-of-the-above energy approach, we have been able to reduce emissions, create jobs and strengthen our global competitiveness.” - Rep. Walberg

DEFINING THE MESSAGE.

Pulse of the Nation

VOTERS WANT TO REDUCE ENERGY EMISSIONS, NOT CHOICES

CRES conducted a nationwide survey of likely voters' attitudes toward climate change and clean energy.

Key Takeaways:



71% of Americans support the federal government taking action to accelerate U.S. clean energy



82% of Americans support lowering transportation emissions while preserving consumer choice



73% of Americans believe we must act to combat climate change



91% of Americans believe the climate is changing

"Our national poll reveals that American voters are concerned about climate change and want to see lawmakers prioritize commonsense solutions that reduce global emissions and advance clean energy."

- CRES President Heather Reams

CRES and CRES Forum On the Move

WELCOME BACK RECEPTION

Conservative Climate Caucus (CCC) Chair John Curtis (R-Utah) and Vice Chair Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa) hosted a Conservative Climate Foundation (CCF) reception to celebrate the newly named CCC Vice Chairs Tim Walberg (R-Mich.), Buddy Carter (R-Ga.), Greg Murphy (R-N.C.), Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-Ore.) and Jen Kiggans (R-Va.). These vice chairs work alongside Caucus leadership to educate lawmakers and shepherd policies that reduce emissions and strengthen our grid's reliability and affordability.

WESTERN CAUCUS FOUNDATION

CRES President Heather Reams joined Congressional Western Caucus Chair Rep. Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.), House Energy and Commerce Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials Chairman Rep. Buddy Carter (R-Ga.), and Rep. August Pfluger (R-Texas) for a Western Caucus Foundation Digital Connect discussing the emissions-reducing benefits of U.S. liquified natural gas (LNG). CRES and CRES Forum remain steadfast in making their voices heard while advocating for clean energy and climate policy.

BCSE FACTBOOK PANEL

CRES President Heather Reams participated in a briefing to highlight the release of the 12th Annual Sustainable Energy in America Factbook, produced by the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) and BloombergNEF, which provides valuable year-over-year data and insights on the American energy transformation.



“The BCSE Factbook is a pivotal tool that not only provides us with a snapshot of clean energy development in the United States, but it also exposes the regulatory hurdles and permitting challenges that block economy-boosting clean energy projects.” - CRES President Heather Reams



AXIOS EXPERT ROUNDTABLE: CLEAN ENERGY FOR 2024 AND BEYOND

CRES President Heather Reams participated in Axios' Expert Roundtable on clean energy for 2024 and beyond with Rep. Bob Latta (R-Ohio), clean energy company executives and policy experts. The conversation examined the challenges and opportunities for clean energy, and Heather pointed to the need for Congress to pass durable permitting reform to unleash American-made clean energy and related technologies.

CONSERVATIVE CLIMATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE & LOBBY DAY

CRES President Heather Reams moderated a panel for Conservative Climate Leadership (CCL) participants on permitting reform. She highlighted the prospects for getting permitting reform done in the coming years and explained to the audience why permitting reform is needed to advance clean energy projects.



AMERICAN GAS ASSOCIATION COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING COMMITTEE MEETING

CRES President Heather Reams, along with CRES Vice President of Communications Evan Dixon, traveled to Nashville, Tennessee, to speak at the American Gas Association's (AGA) 2024 Spring Communications and Marketing Committee Meeting. During her presentation to communications executives from around the country, Heather highlighted how CRES effectively helps Republican lawmakers and their staff talk about conservative climate solutions.



BCSE FACTBOOK HILL BRIEFING

CRES President Heather Reams participated as an industry panelist at another 2024 Sustainable Energy in America Factbook briefing for congressional staff and stakeholders hosted by the Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) and the Environmental and Energy Studies Institute (EESI). Heather discussed how an all-of-the-above energy portfolio has helped the United States reduce global emissions and strengthen the economy.

SPRING NETWORK RECEPTION

CCF held a reception in honor of Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa) becoming the new chair of the House Conservative Climate Caucus. In attendance were CCF Chair and CRES President Heather Reams and Reps. John Curtis (R-Utah), Buddy Carter (R-Ga.), Garret Graves (R-La.), Jen Kiggans (R-Va.), Dan Newhouse (R-Wash.), Greg Murphy (R-N.C.), Tim Walberg (R-Mich.), Cliff Bentz (R-Ore.) and Chuck Edwards (R-N.C.).



SEIA STRATEGY SUMMIT

CRES President Heather Reams attended the SEIA Strategy Summit in Atlanta, Georgia, where she participated in a panel discussion titled, “Taking the Long View: Building Lasting Coalitions & Broad Political Support to Achieve our Big, Ambitious Goals” and co-moderated a breakout session titled, “Building Lasting Relationships, Bipartisan Coalitions & More.”

BLOOMBERGNEF SUMMIT POLICYMAKERS’ ROUNDTABLE

CRES President Heather Reams participated in a roundtable hosted by BloombergNEF and NetZero Pathfinders in New York, New York.

SAN FRANCISCO CLIMATE WEEK WOMEN AND CLIMATE BREAKFAST

CRES hosted a networking breakfast with Women and Climate and Silicon Valley Bank for San Francisco Climate Week. Nearly 200 women attended the breakfast to hear from panelists, including CRES President Heather Reams who spoke about the importance of bringing Republicans to the table on climate change issues.



ACP CLEANPOWER 2024

CRES President Heather Reams participated in a panel at the CLEANPOWER 2024 conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The panel was titled, “Clean Energy is a Big Tent,” and they discussed growing energy demand, federal clean energy incentives and top agenda items for 2025.

AUGUSTA NUCLEAR FACILITY TOUR

CRES Forum joined CCF in Augusta, Georgia, for a roundtable and tour of Southern Company’s Alvin W. Vogtle Electric Generating Plant, the largest nuclear power plant and generator of clean energy in the United States. CRES President and CCF Chair Heather Reams moderated a panel discussion titled, “Navigating the Nuclear Frontier,” with Reps. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa), Rick W. Allen (R-Ga.), Blake Moore (R-Utah) and Jeff Duncan (R-S.C.).



CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION CONFERENCE

CRES President Heather Reams moderated a panel discussion titled, “Securing Supply Chains for a Robust Energy Transition,” at the second annual U.S. Clean Energy Transition Conference.



REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION

CRES joined CCF at the Republican National Convention in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, to represent conservative leadership in advancing practical and pragmatic energy solutions. CRES worked with CCF to host two events: the Conservative Climate Reception and the American Energy CARES (Clean, Affordable, Reliable Energy Sources) After Hours Convention Celebration.

Throughout the week, we were joined by congressional champions and members of the Conservative Climate Caucus: Reps. John Curtis (R-Utah), Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa), Blake Moore (R-Utah), Celeste Maloy (R-Utah), Lori Chavez-DeRemer (R-Ore.), Andrew Garbarino (R-N.Y.), Anthony D’Esposito (R-N.Y.), Stephanie Bice (R-Okla.) and Kelly Armstrong (R-N.D.).

CAPSTONE FIRESIDE CHAT

CRES President Heather Reams joined Capstone for a policy discussion about Republican legislative energy priorities and the outlook of a potential Republican-led White House and Congress.



CALVERT CLIFFS FACILITY NUCLEAR TOUR

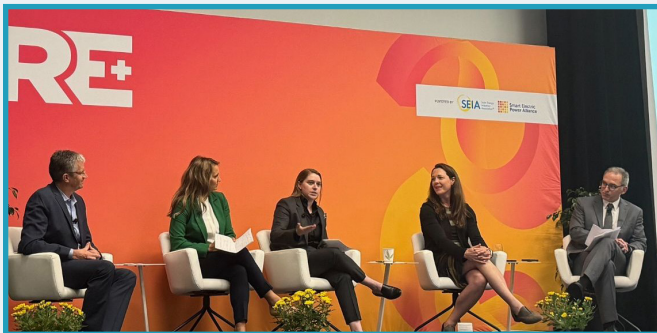
CRES Forum joined CCF on a tour of Constellation’s Calvert Cliffs Nuclear Facility in Calvert, Maryland. The day trip was comprised of over 20 congressional staff and industry stakeholders who explored the nuclear power plant, just miles from Washington, D.C.

CONSERVATIVE ENERGY SUMMIT

CRES President Heather Reams moderated a fireside chat with Rep. Randy Weber (R-Texas) in Houston, Texas, at the Conservative Energy Network's Conservative Energy Summit. They discussed why a conservative from Texas felt compelled to join the Conservative Climate Caucus and the role Texas plays in reducing emissions, not energy choices.

COMMUNICATORS RETREAT

The CRES Forum team joined CCF in Asheville, North Carolina, for the 3rd Annual Communicators Retreat to learn about messaging clean energy and climate solutions to conservative audiences. Over 45 House and Senate communicators, industry leaders and partners also toured the Biltmore Estate, learning about its initiatives in sustainability, as well as the Sierra Nevada Brewing Co., the first LEED Platinum-certified brewery in the country.



RE+

CRES Vice President of Policy and Advocacy Christina Baworowsky participated in a panel at RE+ in Anaheim, California, titled, "Navigating Nationwide Siting and Permitting Regulations."

DUKE UNIVERSITY, NICHOLAS INSTITUTE FOR ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

CRES Senior Policy Manager Rebecca Lorenzen participated in a roundtable in Washington, D.C., titled "Future Pathways for Hydrogen Development and Demand."

NY CLIMATE WEEK GEOTHERMAL HOUSE

CRES President Heather Reams participated in a panel at the Geothermal House for NY Climate Week. Hosted by Project InnerSpace, the panel was titled, “Moving Forward Together in a Polarized World: Geothermal and the Prospect of Compromise.”



UTAH CONSERVATIVE CLIMATE SUMMIT

CRES President Heather Reams participated on a panel with Rep. John Curtis (R-Utah) at his Utah Conservative Climate Summit.

BOUNDARY STONE PARTNERS ELECTION WEBINAR

CRES Vice President of Government Relations Shawn Affolter participated in a webinar for Boundary Stone Partners entitled, “Beyond the Vote: What the 2024 Election Outcome Means for Federal Energy and Climate Policy.”

CLIMATEWORK MAINE WEBINAR

CRES Vice President of Government Relations Shawn Affolter participated in a webinar for ClimateWork Maine entitled, “The Election, Energy & the Economy.”



ADVANCED ENERGY UNITED LEADERSHIP FORUM

CRES Vice President of Policy and Advocacy Christina Baworowsky participated in a panel at the Advanced Energy United Leadership Forum titled, “The Political and Policy Outlook for Clean Energy in ‘25.”

NORTH AMERICAN GAS FORUM

CRES President Heather Reams participated on a panel titled, “Incentivizing true dialogue, factually complete conversations and open minds: crafting a positive narrative and driving true impact,” at the North American Gas Forum.

DEPLOY24

CRES President Heather Reams joined former Commissioner and Chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) Neil Chatterjee and Jigar Shah, Director of the Loan Programs Office at the U.S. Department of Energy, at Deploy24. Their discussion explored strategies for building bipartisan support for clean energy deployment and emphasized how the U.S. can meet growing energy demand and win the global race in energy innovation.



GRIDCONNECT

CRES President Heather Reams participated in a panel at GridWise Alliance’s GridCONNECT to discuss the election’s impact on energy policy.

BROADSCALE NETWORK

CRES President Heather Reams participated in a panel discussion on the future of energy policy following the U.S. elections and COP29.

AMERICAN METEOROLOGICAL SOCIETY (AMS) CLIMATE POLICY COLLOQUIUM (CPC)

CRES Vice President of Policy and Advocacy Christina Baworowsky participated in the newly launched Climate Policy Colloquium (CPC) to discuss the outlook for climate policy in 2025.

In The News

Throughout the year, the CRES team was featured in a variety of high-profile publications including *Bloomberg*, *E&E News*, *the New York Times*, *Fox News* and more. CRES President Heather Reams also authored opinion pieces for *The Hill* and the *Washington Times* and maintained a regular column for *RealClearEnergy*.

Bloomberg

E&E NEWS
By POLITICO

The New York Times



The Washington Times

**REAL
CLEAR
Energy**



Cool Conservative Communicators Collaborating on Climate Change with CRES Forum (C6WC) serves as a one-of-a-kind 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 2024 ranged from off-the-record networking events with energy beat reporters to messaging preparation for COP29.

CUPIDS, COCKTAILS AND CAPITOL HILL REPORTERS



COP29 PREVIEW: DON'T COP OUT!



CRESponsible Leader of the Month

This year, CRES launched a new monthly recognition called, “CRESponsible Leader” to more regularly highlight clean energy leadership among Republicans. In addition to amplification on social media, each month CRES published an op-ed or blog diving deeper into each member’s accomplishments.



Rep. Buddy Carter
(R-Ga.)



Sen. Cynthia Lummis
(R-Wyo.)



Rep. Frank Lucas
(R-Okla.)



Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks
(R-Iowa)



Senator Thom Tillis
(R-N.C.)



Rep. Chuck Fleischmann
(R-Tenn.)



Rep. Andrew Garbarino
(R-N.Y.)



Rep. August Pfluger
(R-Texas)



Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer
(R-Ore.)



Rep. Juan Ciscomani
(R-Ariz.)

TEAMING UP.

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



Conservative Climate Foundation

Through 2024, CRES Forum continued to help grow the Conservative Climate Foundation (CCF) – a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization founded in 2021. CCF executes unique educational and networking events to support congressional offices engaged in pragmatic, clean energy policy, including members of the Conservative Climate Caucus (CCC). The CCC boasts more than 80 Republican Members of Congress and was founded by Rep. John Curtis (R-Utah), who this year passed the baton to Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-Iowa) and now serves as Chair Emeritus.



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This year, CRES Forum again supported CCF in facilitating a conservative United States delegation at the 29th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework on Climate Change (COP29). CRES Forum and CCF coordinated with an official bipartisan delegation of Congress led by the U.S. House Committee on Energy and Commerce with seven members and nine Republican staffers.



CRES Forum hosted a roundtable exploring the global role of nuclear energy in providing reliable, carbon-free baseload power. Policymakers from the United States, Canada, Australia, Japan and Europe shared insights on overcoming challenges to empower nuclear industries worldwide. This discussion built on the momentum from COP28, where more than 20 nations committed to tripling nuclear capacity. CRES Forum was heartened to see that at COP29, six new countries joined this commitment.





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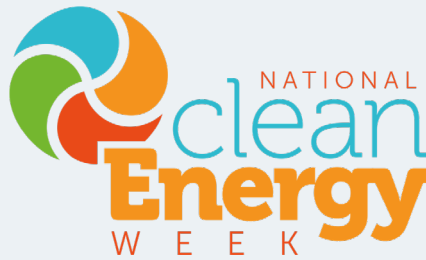
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The conversation around the potential of nuclear energy continued at the U.S. Center at COP where CRES Forum President Heather Reams moderated a bipartisan panel featuring Reps. Morgan Griffith (R-Va.), John James (R-Mich.) and Scott Peters (D-Calif). They discussed advancements in the nuclear industry and opportunities to deploy carbon-free nuclear energy faster and more effectively worldwide.



CRES Forum President Heather Reams and CRES Forum Vice President of Policy and Advocacy Christina Baworowsky also participated in roundtable discussions led by National Grid, BCSE, the Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) and the Climate Solutions Foundation, engaging with policymakers and business leaders on actionable strategies for clean energy policy in the year ahead.





The 8th Annual National Clean Energy Week (NCEW) was a success! Over 1,000 registrants signed up to participate in the nation's leading conference for 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 a VIP reception and dinner.



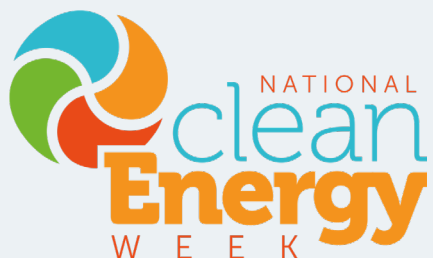
The Policymakers Symposium featured two full days of in-person programming at The Conrad in Washington, D.C. Dozens of policymakers, administration officials and industry leaders spoke on panels and armchair discussions to highlight the American clean energy successes and challenges to deployment.

The VIP Reception and Dinner hosted over 250 guests from Capitol Hill, the administration and the energy sector for networking and an armchair discussion between NCEW Chair Heather Reams and House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.) on permitting reform.



Sponsorship opportunities for 2025 are still available.

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The Washington Times

For the second year, CRES Forum sponsored the *Washington Times* National Clean Energy Week Special Edition, which featured opinion pieces by Sens. Bill Cassidy (R-La.) and Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) as well as Reps. Bruce Westerman (R-Ark.), Greg Murphy (R-N.C.) and Buddy Carter (R-Ga.)



It's time to hold China accountable on pollution
Sen. Cassidy



There is no clean energy plan without nuclear
Sen. Crapo

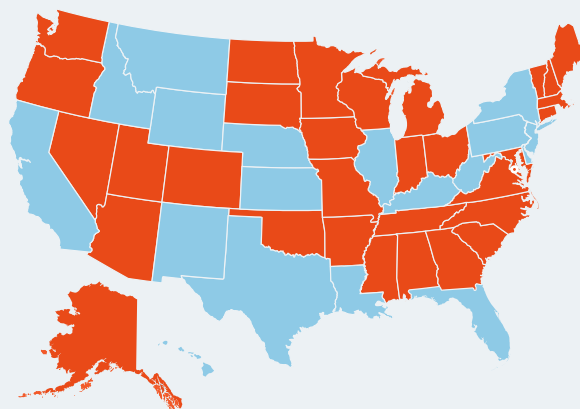
Clean energy starts with permitting reform
Rep. Westerman

Coastal communities need a sustainable future
Rep. Murphy

Our energy permitting process is BANANAs
Rep. Carter

U.S. Senators Susan Collins (R-Maine) and Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.) and U.S. Representatives Mariannette Miller-Meeke (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 18 Senate and 50 House cosponsors. Additionally, our team helped to secure state and local proclamations recognizing National Clean Energy Week in 33 states and territories.

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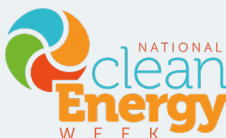
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