



# Briefing Notice

## Congressional Climate Camp #5: Bonus Session: Understanding Budget Reconciliation

Friday, May 21, 2021  
2 PM – 3 PM Eastern

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Ready to make a difference in climate policy? But not sure where to start? We have you covered. **The Environmental and Energy Study Institute (EESI)** invites you to join us for our start-of-the-new-Congress Climate Camp online briefing series. We will go over the basics of the legislative process, highlighting key areas and opportunities for achieving near-term and long-term carbon reductions through policy.

Our fifth and final session will look at budget reconciliation, an oftentimes difficult-to-understand process that allows Congress to pass laws related to taxes, spending, and the debt limit with only a majority vote in the Senate (instead of a filibuster-proof 60-vote supermajority). The Senate Parliamentarian determined that the Senate can pass two budget reconciliation bills this year, for fiscal years 2021 and 2022. But how does the process work? What are the major challenges for Congressional lawmakers and their staff in drafting and passing reconciliation bills? **And why does it matter for climate policy?**

This briefing will discuss budget reconciliation procedures along with do's and don'ts for those involved in the process. A moderated, 40-minute discussion will follow the two speaker presentations.

Speakers for this discussion will be:

- **Molly Reynolds**, Senior Fellow – Governance Studies, Brookings | [@BrookingsGov](https://twitter.com/BrookingsGov)
- **Zach Moller**, Deputy Director, Economic Program, Third Way | [@ThirdWayEcon](https://twitter.com/ThirdWayEcon)
- **Moderator: Daniel Bresette**, Executive Director, EESI | [@eesionline](https://twitter.com/eesionline)

**This event is free and open to the public.**

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