



# EESI Impact

April 2025

## WELCOME TO CONGRESS!

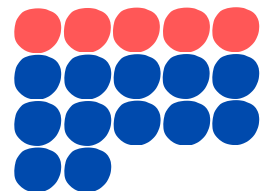
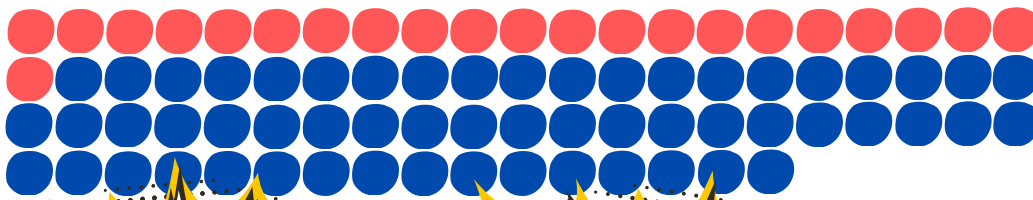


AT THE START OF EACH CONGRESS, EESI REACHES OUT TO EVERY HOUSE AND SENATE OFFICE TO LEARN ABOUT THEIR PRIORITIES AND DISCUSS HOW WE CAN WORK TOGETHER ON CLIMATE SOLUTIONS.

EESI MEETINGS WITH CONGRESSIONAL OFFICES SO FAR IN 2025:

**HOUSE**

**SENATE**



Almost **100** meetings with Congressional offices so far this year!

Already **seven** meetings with members starting their first terms!

MY BOSS IS NEW TO CONGRESS. AND SO AM I. SHE AND I NEED TO LEARN ALL ABOUT EXTREME HEAT, DATA CENTERS, WILDFIRES, AND CONSERVATION. WHO CAN WE TRUST FOR NON-PARTISAN, SCIENCE-BASED INFORMATION?

EESI HAS RESOURCES ABOUT ALL OF THIS AND MORE! HAVE YOU SIGNED UP FOR OUR CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS NEWSLETTER?

### WHAT WE ARE STILL CREATING TOGETHER

- Clean, decarbonized energy—affordable and accessible for all
- Resilient, healthy, just communities ready for climate change impacts
- Informed decision-makers motivated and equipped to act now

## EESI in the News

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At COP29, “the U.S. subnational message was: we’re still in.”

— EESI President Daniel Bresette, from his guest appearance on NPR’s Marketplace

# HOW TO MAKE A POSITIVE IMPACT EVEN NOW



The last few months have been pretty unsettling.

How are you holding up? Drop me a line if you'd like. I'm always eager to hear from you and learn about your ideas and priorities.

This issue is arriving in your mailbox just before Earth Day. Last year, thinking about climate action, I posed the question, "Are we on the right track?" And my answer was, "Well, yes and no." Emissions were decreasing, but we were not where we needed to be to meet our end-of-decade goals.

That feels like 1,000 years ago.

**Things have changed. There is major uncertainty about everything in climate policy. But, thanks to your continued partnership, EESI is finding ways to make a positive impact.**

Let me point to one especially impressive—maybe even surprising?—stat line: **EESI has had nearly 100 meetings with Congressional offices, including seven newly-elected representatives, since mid-January.**

These meetings are chances to build and **strengthen relationships on Capitol Hill on both sides of the aisle.** This engagement helps ensure that representatives and senators have access to timely, relevant information about **clean energy jobs, public health, community resilience, and other topics they need to know about.** And it is the best way to get feedback about information gaps that we can help address with our nonpartisan, science-based resources.

There is a lot of good stuff in this newsletter. I hope you read it cover to cover and take away **how much impact you are making possible even now.**

Optimism seems harder to muster lately. **But your commitment to advancing climate solutions is a big part of driving this positive impact.**

Thanks.

**Daniel Bresette,  
President**

## NEW STAFF SPOTLIGHT

### HANNAH WILSON-BLACK

#### Communications Associate

##### What are you enjoying so far at EESI?

I enjoy choosing topics for the EESI articles I'm writing and pitching my ideas for EESI's *The Climate Conversation* podcast. I just guest-hosted my first episode! I like the challenge of explaining some of the climate issues and solutions I'm most passionate about—like good green jobs, abandoned mine reclamation, and rural infrastructure—to a wider audience!



##### Fun fact:

In college, I was the frontwoman of a punk band called Puddlejumper!



## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STUDENTS

### Future Climate Leaders

We are proud to announce the latest **Future Climate Leaders Scholarship** recipients: Ayomide Adekoya and Sulaiman Mathew-Wilson at Howard University, and Thurston Brown at Virginia State University. This scholarship is administered by UNCF.

### Graduate Fellowship

Amelia-Lindsay Kaufman is the first recipient of the **Environmental and Energy Study Institute Graduate Fellowship at the George Washington University's Trachtenberg School of Public Policy and Public Administration.** The fellowship is funded by an endowment from an anonymous benefactor.

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## IN THE KNOW: SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BILL



### WHAT IS IT?

The multiyear Congressional reauthorization of **policies and programs for roads, bridges, railroads, public transit, and more.** The 2021 version of this bill was the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act*.

### WHY DOES IT MATTER?

The bill affects **how all Americans get from place to place**, and whether they do so sustainably.

### HOW COULD IT HELP COMMUNITIES BECOME MORE SUSTAINABLE?

Federal funding is crucial to helping **meet community needs for affordable, accessible, and safe mobility options.**

## S P O T L I G H T CONGRESSIONAL CLIMATE CAMP



**Navigating Climate Information for Effective Policy-Making**



**Understanding the Budget, Reconciliation, and Appropriations**



**Clean Manufacturing in America**



**The Process and Path Forward for a Bipartisan Surface Transportation Bill**



MARCH

### Energy Earthshots Podcast

Dr. Geri Richmond, who used to lead DOE's Energy Earthshots Initiative, shared her vision for public-private partnerships to continue the program.



APRIL

### Public Health Briefing

EESI will bring in experts to discuss the nexus of public health and surface transportation, including addressing air pollution and road accidents.



MAY

### Critical Minerals Fact Sheet

What are critical minerals? Why are they important for climate solutions? Find out in our upcoming fact sheet!



# SMART WAYS TO GIVE FOR CLIMATE SOLUTIONS



## Give Appreciated Stocks

BRINGS TAX BENEFITS BY AVOIDING CAPITAL GAINS TAX

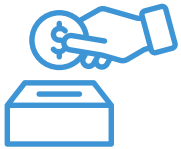
As long as you have held the stock for at least a year, **your gift is valued at today's stock value**, not the value when you purchased the stock.



## Grant from Your Donor-Advised Fund

OR CHARITABLE GIVING FUND

Put the funds you have set aside for charity **to work for the climate right now**, when they are most urgently needed.



## Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution

FROM YOUR INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ACCOUNT

**If you are at least 70.5 years old**, you are eligible to give in this way, resulting in tax benefits.

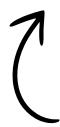


## Become an EESI Sustaining Partner

BY SETTING UP A MONTHLY GIFT

**Wallet-friendly**—and as a bonus, you will receive our exclusive quarterly(ish) newsletter, *Climate Policy Insider*.

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