



EESI Impact

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We have solutions for **Fire** & **Ice**

(and everything in between!)



BRIEFING

**Igniting Innovation:
Progress and a Path
Forward for Wildfire Policy**

In partnership with the Federation of American Scientists, EESI hosted a panel of experts who provided a compelling narrative about solutions to tackle the wildfire crisis, and the federal policy strategies for getting these solutions into the field.



Following the icy wallop of Winter Storm Fern in late January, EESI organized a Rapid Readout briefing to take stock of efforts to make energy systems more resilient to winter weather. Carlos Gamarra of the Houston Advanced Research Center discussed icestorms' effects on electricity distribution and transmission, plus resilience solutions to help communities recover from future storms.

RAPID READOUT

Frozen Infrastructure: Winter Storm Impacts on Communities and the Power Grid



PODCAST

**Fighting Fire with Fire
Through Philanthropic
Grantmaking**

Genevieve Biggs, who oversees the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation's Wildfire Resilience Initiative, appeared on EESI's podcast, *The Climate Conversation*. She described how the Initiative and its partners are creating a future of ecologically beneficial fire for western North America.



Timed to coincide with the Winter Olympics, this EESI article describes how climate change is affecting winter recreational activities. The article also explores ways for Congress and the U.S. Forest Service to improve the climate resilience of winter sports.

ARTICLE

On Thin Ice: Rethinking the Future of Winter Sports in a Changing Climate

CHECKING FOR A CLIMATE PULSE IN CONGRESS



One year ago—three months into the second Trump Administration—I wrote to you about how EESI was breaking through on Capitol Hill. I cited as evidence the success of our “Welcome to Congress” outreach, which had generated more than

100 meetings with House and Senate offices on both sides of the aisle.

“Things have changed,” I wrote, summoning all my powers of understatement. “There is major uncertainty about everything in climate policy. But, thanks to your continued partnership, EESI is finding ways to make a positive impact.”

Since then, we have endured more bad news: the Administration has clawed back clean energy incentives, withdrawn from the UNFCCC treaty, repealed the Endangerment Finding ... and the list goes on.

Yet more and more Congressional staff engaged with us, seeking out our trusted brand of nonpartisan, science-based educational resources. Why?

One big reason: energy prices are way up. Well, when you prioritize uneconomic fossil fuels and cancel infrastructure investments in buildings, transportation, and the grid, those costs get passed along to households ... like yours and mine. **People have had enough, and policymakers feel the heat.**

So there is a climate pulse on Capitol Hill. And it beats louder as costs increase. (We expect it to get even louder.)

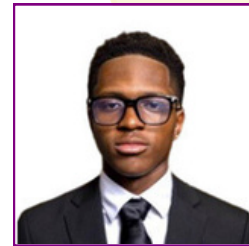
We tracked our Congressional engagement in real time last year. And we summarized it in a new report, “Vital Statistics.” **To learn more, visit eesi.org/vitalstats for data, analysis, and insights about the essential work to educate policymakers that you make possible.**

**Daniel Bresette,
President**



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS SPOTLIGHT

EESI FUTURE CLIMATE LEADERS



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WHAT WE CREATE 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**

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ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND AFFORDABILITY IN THE KNOW SPOTLIGHT

WHAT IS THE CONNECTION?

Energy efficiency is the fastest, easiest climate solution. It also delivers big cost savings—up to 30%!—from lower utility bills.

WHY ARE PEOPLE TALKING ABOUT IT?

With inflation and rising prices, households and small businesses are looking for ways to save money. Higher utility bills makes it harder to afford other necessities. Energy efficiency reduces waste, easing pressures on monthly budgets without sacrificing quality of life.

HOW CAN YOU SAVE MONEY FROM BEING MORE ENERGY-EFFICIENT?

Energy-efficient products deliver meaningful savings almost immediately. These include LED lightbulbs, smart thermostats, attic insulation, ENERGY STAR®-certified TVs and appliances, and heat pumps.



BRIEFING: Understanding Load Growth and Energy Affordability (Sustainable Energy Factbook)



ARTICLE: Data Center Power Demands Are Contributing to Higher Energy Bills



BRIEFING: Strategies to Lower Utility Bills Now for Households and Small Businesses



MARCH

Rep. Casten Featured on Podcast

On *The Climate Conversation* podcast, Rep. Sean Casten (D-Ill.) (right) speaks about the challenges and opportunities of providing reliable data for clean energy.



APRIL

Climate Data Briefing

What happens when the federal government removes access to essential climate and weather data? You—and Congress—can find out on April 23!



MAY

Clean Water Briefing

After a pipe break leading to massive sewer discharge in the Potomac River, panelists will discuss America's most pressing water infrastructure challenges—and solutions!

MAKE EVERY DAY EARTH DAY!

CHECKLIST: WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

✓ Use reusable shopping bags



✓ Use mass transit when possible



✓ Give for progress on climate solutions
eesi.org/donate



Tax-smart ways to give:

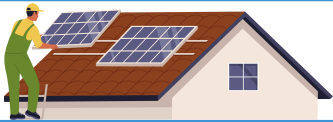
✓ **Donor-Advised Fund**
Put the money you have already set aside for charity to great use



✓ **Qualified Charitable Distribution**
Set up a QCD—a tax-smart way to give if you're at least 70.5 years old



✓ **Appreciated Stock**
Donate appreciated stocks at their current market value, a tax-smart way to give (eesi.org/stock)



Did you know there are over *four million climate jobs* in the U.S.?
Check out our latest fact sheet to learn more: eesi.org/jobs2026

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