

## Clean Energy Questions on the Campaign Trail

### 1. The Republican party has frequently been criticized when it comes to issues around environmental protection and clean energy. What's your response to these criticisms?

"We need to stop offering the American people a false choice of inaction or economy-crushing regulations when it comes to climate change. We can protect American energy independence, strengthen our economy, and reduce emissions all at the same time." -- **Rep. Dan Crenshaw.**

### 2. How can we begin to best address the challenges around climate change?

"To combat climate change, we need to change the way we consume our energy, the resources we use, and when we use them," -- **Gov. Charlie Baker.**

"The answer is not to crush American jobs and to make hard-working American taxpayers shoulder the burden of generations of poor environmental decisions. The answer is to unlock innovation, and protect American innovators when we go and sell our goods around the world." -- **Rep. Matt Gaetz.**

### 3. If you are elected how will you help restart the energy economy?

"I support making substantial investments in groundbreaking technology, which has the power to create jobs in South Carolina and protect the environment....Clemson (University) is pioneering windmill technology in the Charleston area, the Savannah River Site has been at the forefront of the drive towards a hydrogen economy, the rural electric co-ops have been leaders when it comes to energy efficiency. I want to continue and build upon these successes." -- **Sen. Lindsey Graham.**

### 4. Do Republicans have a counter-plan to the Green New Deal?

"American research and ingenuity can develop the technologies we need to reduce emissions -- carbon capture, advanced nuclear, battery storage, and more -- while ensuring America continues to benefit from abundant and affordable energy." -- **Rep. David McKinley.**

"Continuing to scale up the clean energy sector would grow jobs, support U.S. energy independence, economic resilience, and will be essential for global competitiveness," -- **GOP Senators Tillis, Gardner, Collins, Burr, Graham, McSally, and Murkowski.**

### 5. What's your response to the White House's environmental record?

"We need strong federal leadership and a bold bipartisan vision on climate change that prioritizes practical, market-driven and cost-effective solutions, while affording states the flexibility to design strategies that work for their unique challenges." -- **Gov. Charlie Baker.**