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JOBS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE

The Clean Energy Jobs Act puts Illinois on an equitable path to 100% renewable energy, decarbonization of the power sector, and a reduction in pollution from the transportation sector. Key Highlights:

- Builds 4-5 times the amount of new renewable energy in FEJA, starting right away
 - Brings in more than \$30 billion in new private investment to Illinois by 2030
 - Expands equitable access to clean energy careers
- 1. Builds Equity in the Clean Energy Workforce.**

Companies looking to receive renewable energy or energy efficiency incentives will be preferred if they achieve multiple equity actions including hiring a minority workforce, being a disadvantaged business enterprise, meeting equitable subcontracting requirements, hiring workforce training graduates, or creating community benefits agreements for their projects.
 - 2. Creates the Clean Jobs Workforce Hubs.**

Funds a network of frontline organizations that provide direct and sustained support for members of economically disadvantaged communities, environmental justice communities, communities of color, and with former fossil fuel workers, from community education to workforce training, and career placement.
 - 3. Creates a Contractor Incubator Program.**

Focuses on the development of underserved businesses in the Clean Energy Sector.
 - 4. Expands Solar for All.**

Quadruples the size of the Illinois Solar for All program to ensure low- and moderate-income communities and environmental justice communities see investment and wealth from new community clean energy projects.
 - 5. Authorizes Community Energy and Climate Plans.**

Enables and directs resources to local communities that create their own plans for renewable energy, energy efficiency, mobility, transportation, education, and workforce development in a cohesive, stakeholder-focused process.
 - 6. Creates Clean Energy Empowerment Zones.**

Directs DCEO to support communities and workers who are economically impacted by the decline of fossil-fuel generation.



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7. Saves residents money.

By redirecting money from polluting power plants to invest in lower-cost renewable energy, peak demand reduction, and energy efficiency, we can lower electric bills for Illinois residents.

8. Creates a Health and Safety Fund for Low-Income Home Retrofits.

Provides a separate fund for energy efficiency contractors to address health and safety issues, such as mold, asbestos, and leaks, that prevent them from completing low-income home energy efficiency retrofits.

9. Creates Energy Sovereignty incentives.

Provides two new incentives to low-income customers to increase participation in rooftop solar and community solar projects. Projects must be 100% low-income subscriber owned, and can include households, non-profit organizations, and affordable housing owners.

10. Expands low-income home heating energy efficiency.

Creates significant new investment in gas energy efficiency to prepare low-income households from coming increases in gas utility costs.

11. EV Access for All.

Creates a new electric vehicle infrastructure program to focus on new investments in low-income communities, and communities where new car ownership is not an option. Creates two new programs at DCEO: a) a Last Mile of Commutes program to invest in new electric shuttles to connect people in transit deserts to mass transit, and b) a Electric Vehicle Car Sharing pilot to invest in shared electric vehicles to be used in low-income communities.