

# **SUPPORT: SB2132**(CASTRO) / **HB3624**(WILLIAMS)

# WHO WE ARE

The Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition is made up of hundreds of **environmental groups**, healthcare professionals, environmental justice champions, businesses, community leaders, consumer advocates, and faith-based organizations from across the state. The ICJC played a central role in the passage of the Future Energy Jobs Act in 2016.

# WE NEED ACTION NOW

Paying for energy we don't want and don't need; Illinois must respond or pay higher bills

Trump appointees are poised to attack Illinois' clean energy policies and force

Illinoisans to pay hundreds of millions more each year.

### A plan for workers, families and communities

Coal company executives acknowledge that coal "is on its way out." Vistra, Dynegy and NRG have all repeatedly yanked the rug out from under workers and communities. CEJA provides resources and much needed planning.

### A renewable energy cliff is right around the corner

Without legislation that unlocks new resources, billions of dollars in new renewable energy development will stop. We can fund renewables without placing additional burdens on consumers.

#### Action on the climate crisis cannot wait

July 2019 was the hottest month in history. All 102 counties in Illinois were declared agriculture disaster areas due to extreme weather.

### **CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT: REPOWERING ILLINOIS FOR ALL**

FOR CONSUMERS:

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Powers more than 4 million homes and lowers bills, while pushing back against harmful federal attacks on clean energy.

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ECONOMY:

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Creates more than \$30 billion in new private investment in Illinois. *That's more than 4x what we were able to accomplish in FEJA.* 

FOR

**COMMUNITIES:** 

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Expands access to clean energy careers, building community wealth, and ensures new opportunities as we build a new clean energy economy. Improves air and water quality, leading to healthier communities.

FOR

**TRANSPORTATION:** 



Reduces congestion and pollution from the transportation sector, now the largest source of carbon emissions



# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT

Throughout 2018, the Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition (ICJC) conducted its "Listen. Lead. Share." campaign—a series of more than 60 conversations on energy policy held across the state. The new **Clean Energy Jobs Act** was developed with the input of everyday Illinoisans who participated in those conversations.

**SB2132**(Castro) / **HB3624**(Williams) are organized around four pillars:

# **Promoting Jobs and Economic Opportunity**

- Creates the Clean Jobs Workforce Hubs, a network of frontline organizations that provide direct and sustained support for minority and disadvantaged communities.
- Creates preferences for companies that implement equity actions to ensure equitable representation in Illinois' clean energy workforce.
- Creates a Contractor Incubator program that focuses on the development of underserved businesses in the clean energy sector.

### Putting Illinois on a path to 100% renewable energy by 2050

- Builds more than 40 million solar panels and 2,500 wind turbines across Illinois by 2030, generating more than \$30 billion in new infrastructure in the state. Taps into the falling cost of wind and solar, lowering costs for consumers.
- Expands Solar for All, and ensures people have access to solar in their community.
- Expands goals for Energy Efficiency, on the electric and gas side, to lower costs.
- Directs utilities to evaluate lower-cost alternatives to infrastructure modernization.

#### Reducing the equivalent of 1 million gasoline and diesel-powered vehicles from the road

- Empowers local communities to develop Community Energy and Climate Plans, to drive comprehensive local investment in energy, transportation, workforce, and environmental projects.
- Creates a new Beneficial Electrification initiative to incentivize electric vehicle charging, focused on medium- and heavy-duty vehicles that create local health impacts.
- Creates the EV Access for All program, to ensure all Illinois residents can benefit from electric vehicles, and supports the creation of low-income electric vehicle car-sharing and "last-mile" electric shuttles to serve transit deserts.

#### Achieving a carbon-free power-sector by 2030

- Directs the Illinois EPA to begin a comprehensive stakeholder process that prioritizes carbon reductions in impacted communities and reduces harmful pollution from power plants to zero by 2030.
- Creates Clean Energy Empowerment Zones to support communities and workers who
  are economically impacted by the decline of fossil-fuel generation.
- Directs the IPA to procure clean energy and capacity resources to achieve customer savings and expand renewables investment.