

**Coalition of Labor Union Women  
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**PROTECT AIR, LAND AND WATER WITH GREEN JOBS**

Approximately 24 million Americans are either looking for work or working part time as the U.S. faces an ongoing jobs crisis.

Economic growth and job creation in manufacturing, construction, education and more result from the expansion of markets in renewable energy, energy efficiency, recycling, a smarter electrical grid, broadband internet, transportation infrastructure and advanced vehicles, and green chemistry.

Protecting our air, land and water can also result in a stronger economy, making the U.S. a more energy-efficient and globally competitive economy in the future.

The EPA was established 40 years ago to enforce our country's landmark environmental legislation, the Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act, which has improved the quality of the air we breathe, the water we drink and the environment in which we live.

In 2007 the United States Supreme Court held that the EPA has the authority and responsibility to curb greenhouse gas emissions as a part of its obligations under the Clean Air Act.

The environmental safeguards of the last 40 years have resulted in waste reduction, energy efficiency, and greater economic competitiveness — creating economic growth, thousands of new jobs and making existing jobs more secure.

The international competitors are leading the way in the development of clean energy technologies and deployment, leaving us further behind in the global clean energy market.

Climate change poses an overriding threat to our economy and public health, and the cost of inaction will put the U.S. at a serious disadvantage with its competitors in China and the European Union.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**

The Coalition of Labor Union Women (CLUW) will support the EPA's authority to protect our air, land and water by curbing greenhouse gas emissions.

CLUW will call for the following policies to ignite the development of 21<sup>st</sup> century industries in the United States, including:

1. Create clear market signals for clean energy deployment;
2. Address global competitiveness;
3. Invest in cleaner, more advanced power generation;
4. Provide a proper transition for workers and communities;
5. Guarantee access to capital markets for energy-intensive industries, and rebuild American manufacturing and infrastructure.