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HORRY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY

The Environment



Climate Change Is Real

"We are the first generation to feel the impact of climate change and the last generation that can do something about it." – President Barack Obama

Problems We Face

We are facing a global emergency that needs a coordinated effort to immediately combat the crisis. We must build a robust, equitable, and globally competitive clean-energy economy. We must reject the false choice between growing our economy and addressing climate change.

The previous four years have yielded record-breaking storms, massive flooding, and devastating wildfires. The low country has experienced one historic flooding after another.

There needs to be a comprehensive plan to address the existential crisis we face because of stronger storms and rising sea levels, and exploration for offshore fossil fuels must be stopped. There is no current need for those resources and problems associated with seismic testing and offshore drilling are dangerous threats to vital coastal interests.

Solutions At Hand

We must work together to develop our sustainable energy sources. Solar, wind, and ocean waves and tides are abundant sources of energy in South Carolina. Clean energy solutions create jobs that will lead to making our energy, water,

and wastewater infrastructure updated and resilient.

The clean-energy economy will provide opportunities for the diversity of America. We must provide education and training of under-represented groups and energy sector workers who may be displaced by change. The plans must address clean transit, affordable and sustainable housing, remediation of polluted areas, and clean water infrastructure.

Everyone has the right to breathe clean air, drink clean water, and be free of toxic substance exposure. To this end, we must dramatically expand solar and wind energy systems. Numerous jobs will be created promoting safe, healthy, and efficient homes and businesses.

We must support healthy coastal communities and marine ecosystems to sustain and enhance our economic standing through fishing, tourism, and clean-energy industries. We must earnestly oppose federal proposals to open offshore oil and gas exploration.

At the time of this writing (9-8-20) President Trump has announced a 10-year moratorium on offshore drilling along the South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida coasts.

While this is welcome news, Stop Offshore Drilling in the Atlantic (SODA) states, that we should not trust Trump on this, noting that "... the same President who threatened our coast via an Executive Order just three years ago, is now seriously interested in protecting it via a moratorium just eight weeks ahead of an election."

Interestingly, only Republican-led states were included in his order. Our neighbor, North Carolina, was not included.

We need a permanent ban and Democrats have plans for it. All testing, drilling, and transportation carry risks of spills, fires, and leaks. This could significantly damage the environment and lead to economic disaster. On shore resources like pipelines and refineries would forever alter the landscape of our natural, historical, and cultural resources. This is an existential threat that we must all work to eradicate.

We must join together and fight for our common needs by addressing the reality of climate change. Global climate change has already demonstrated disastrous effects on the environment, human health, and species extinction. Local communities have witnessed increasing floods, further beach erosion, stronger storms, and more dangerous hurricanes.

Democrats are taking a stand to combat climate change, protect natural resources, and ensure that our air, water, and land are protected for current and future generations. We must act by investing in clean energy and developing strategies to address our environmental challenges while creating a more sustainable America for everyone.



Check the views of Democratic candidates about the environment and clean energy alternatives.

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