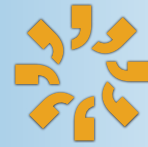


WE NEED YOUR HELP.



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Senators are drafting climate change legislation NOW, and you can impact the outcome.

Climate change legislation should be:

 **Fair**

 **Affordable**

 **Achievable**

Your voice counts. Earlier this year, consumers and electric cooperatives worked together to bring co-op concerns to the forefront of the U.S. House of Representatives' climate change debate. As a result the House revised its climate change bill, H.R. 2454, resulting in significant rate relief for electric co-op consumers compared to the measure first introduced. Co-ops are still concerned with parts of the bill and it's far from perfect, but it's a step in the right direction.

As climate change legislation works through the U.S. Senate, there are three key things senators must keep in mind: Keeping the bill fair, affordable, and achievable.



FAIR: Legislation should recognize regional differences in how electricity is produced. It appears cap-and-trade—a system setting limits, or caps, on the amount of greenhouse gas emissions from power plants and other sources—will be part of legislation. Where you live and how your state produces power could impact how much money Congress adds to your utility bills. Congress needs to keep things fair; no one should be penalized and pay more for climate change because of where they live.



AFFORDABLE: Any climate change plan must keep electricity affordable for all Americans. Estimates vary on how much climate change legislation could add to your monthly electricity bills. Since electricity is used to make most products, prices in general will likely rise. Congress must keep costs to consumers in mind as they debate these proposals.



ACHIEVABLE: Climate change goals must be realistic and in sync with technology to ensure long-term success. Otherwise they're doomed to fail.

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