



## The Clean, Affordable, Reliable Energy (CARE) Act

*A Comprehensive, All-of-the-Above Strategy for American Energy*

1) Renewable and Alternative Energy – Facilitate development and deployment of cleaner renewable and alternative energy sources.

- Renewable and Alternative Energy Trust Fund – The CARE Act establishes a trust fund to promote the development of renewable and alternative energy, paid for by revenues from new oil and gas exploration.
- Nuclear – The CARE Act eliminates barriers to the expansion of nuclear power production by promoting the recycling of spent nuclear fuel and providing incentives for nuclear capacity development.
- Synthetic Fuels – The bill authorizes the Department of Defense to enter into multiyear contracts for procurement of synthetic fuels and repeals section 526 of EISA 2007 to allow the federal government to procure advanced alternative fuels.
- Alternative Fuel Vehicles – This legislation extends tax incentives for alternative fuel vehicles and for new plug-in vehicles.

2) Education & Workforce – Harness the strong work ethic and creative ingenuity of the American people by training our domestic energy workforce and encouraging scientific and technologic advancements through education.

- The bill provides funding for research grants at institutions of higher learning to support programs in energy and engineering.
- The bill provides funding for merit-based scholarships for individuals pursuing degrees in energy-related fields, such as chemical or mineral engineering, petroleum geology, or alternative and renewable energy.
- The bill provides funding for the operation and/or development of energy-related programs at community colleges.

3) Production – Increase the supply of American-made energy by enabling the United States to responsibly explore and develop its oil and gas resources.

- Outer Continental Shelf (OCS)
- Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR)
- Oil Shale

4) Energy Infrastructure – Foster the development of U.S. energy infrastructure to make our energy supply more affordable and reliable and to provide a path for a cleaner energy future tomorrow.

- The CARE Act grants preferential tax treatment to bonds used to pay for construction of vital parts of our nation’s energy infrastructure.
- The bill extends the exemption from the Renewable Fuel Standard for small refineries for an additional 4 years.

5) Promoting Effective and Efficient Government – Streamline the regulatory process and improve accountability to ensure government bureaucracy doesn’t stand in the way of American energy reliability and security.

- The CARE Act prevents the misuse of the Clean Air Act and the Endangered Species Act for regulating greenhouse gases.
- The bill removes unnecessary bureaucratic red-tape by streamlining the NEPA process and related judicial proceedings for any reviews necessary to carry out the bill.
- The bill establishes an Alaska Offshore Continental Shelf Coordination Office to streamline leasing off the coast of Alaska.
- This legislation would make the Mineral Management Service Director a Senate-confirmed position.

6) Conservation and Efficiency – Promote energy conservation and efficiency through incentives for energy efficient homes and buildings and by ensuring government regulations do not discourage repairs and maintenance that improve efficiency.

- The CARE Act encourages conservation through tax incentives for energy efficient homes and buildings. It also extends tax credits for using energy efficient appliances and making energy efficient upgrades to existing homes.
- The bill facilitates investment in newer, cleaner technologies at existing facilities by clarifying that routine maintenance and repair shall not constitute a modification of an existing source requiring compliance with new source review requirements under the Clean Air Act.