What They’re Saying About The U.S. Energy & Climate Roadmap

A bipartisan group of current and former executive, congressional, state and industry leaders and other experts in the field have praised the U.S. Energy & Climate Roadmap. Here is a collection of some of their thoughts.

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**Former Cabinet and Congressional Members**

“Building on the foundations laid in the Obama administration, President Biden and the new Congress have made addressing climate change—its causes and its unequal effects—a central priority. EPIC’s Roadmap offers both bodies a robust suite of policies to drive down the sources of climate change. By making the most of every public dollar invested in this historic effort, EPIC’s proposals can help ensure that the United States has the biggest impact, for the most people, over the fastest timeframe possible.

**Carol Browner**
Former Director, White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy  
Former Administrator, U.S. EPA  
Senior Counselor, Albright Stonebridge Group

“The Biden administration and Congressional leaders in both parties would be wise to follow this insightful roadmap for sound energy and climate policy delivered by EPIC at the University of Chicago. The ideas and policies outlined here are clearly explained and if adopted, would make the United States the world leader in the transition to a decarbonized economy. This is a worthwhile read for anyone who cares about securing a healthy and prosperous future for rising generations.

**Carlos Curbelo**
Former U.S. Representative (R, FL-26)

“The Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago is leading U.S. academic institutions in presenting evidence-based, fair, practical public policies. The Biden administration is fortunate to have this U.S. Energy & Climate Roadmap available. It will influence the public debate in the administration, the Congress, and the public on the best way forward for the nation.

**John Deutch**
Former Undersecretary of Energy  
Former Director, CIA  
Emeritus Institute Professor, MIT
In this must-read volume for analysts and decision-makers about climate policy, Michael Greenstone and his EPIC colleagues bridge significant scholarship and current policy debates. From the social cost of carbon to new thoughts on pricing carbon to improving fuel economy standards to dealing with stranded costs of legacy coal, the book offers evidence-based ideas at a moment in which policy is and should be attentive to them.

Glenn Hubbard  
Former Chair, White House Council of Economic Advisers  
Russell L. Carson Professor of Economics and Finance, Columbia University

EPIC’s Roadmap is grounded in empirical research but mindful of political realities, a winning combination if we are to make significant and timely progress on limiting climate change. The administration and Congress should pay attention to its cost-effective, practical recommendations.

Ernest Moniz  
Former Secretary of Energy  
CEO, Energy Futures Initiative

Climate change is the most formidable risk humanity faces, and there is no time to waste in tackling it. EPIC’s Roadmap provides a sharp, direct set of tools that can help shape regulatory and market conditions in the United States and around the world, allowing us to reduce carbon emissions and grow the economy at the same time. Policymakers, industry leaders, and citizens alike should read this book carefully as Washington focuses its attention on these urgent issues.

Henry M. Paulson  
Former Secretary of Treasury  
Founder and Chairman, Paulson Institute

As the climate crisis has grown increasingly urgent, so has our need for policy tools to combat its worst effects while maintaining the general prosperity that has powered America’s growth. The delay-and-denying caucus can no longer be allowed to prevent this country from defining a new energy strategy for today and tomorrow. We know where we need to go; EPIC’s Energy & Climate Roadmap offers thoughtful proposals that put us on a path to a safe and stable climate and a strong, just and equitable economy powered by investment and innovation. This is a valuable read for every policymaker and, indeed, for any citizen seeking to lobby their government on this critical issue.

John Podesta  
Former Counselor, President Barack Obama (Climate Policy Lead)  
Former Chief of Staff, President William J. Clinton  
Founder and a Member of the Board of Directors, Center for American Progress
An important, timely book based on rigorous, fact-based research with concrete policy proposals to confront the costs and risks of climate change while ensuring affordable and reliable energy essential to a sustained and inclusive economic recovery. The proposals include a national carbon price reflecting the social cost of carbon along with standards and regulations in key energy using and consuming sectors. Most of the investment and innovation required to address the dual challenges of energy and climate will be made by businesses and consumers, but policies will shape their incentives and actions.

Laura D. Tyson
Former Director, White House National Economic Council
Distinguished Professor, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley

Current and Former Senior Government Officials

At a time when it’s urgent to address our climate crisis, too many approaches continue to be characterized by blatant rent-seeking or willful refusal to consider cost, practicality, or political possibility. The U.S. Energy & Climate Roadmap, by the scholars at the Energy Policy Institute at the University of Chicago (EPIC), is a compilation of specific, practical, and cost-effective ideas. I urge everyone working on climate issues and interested in real solutions to read this book. It’s an invaluable roadmap towards meaningful energy and climate policies.

McKie Campbell
Former Staff Director, U.S. Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee (Chair, Sen. Lisa Murkowski)
Managing Partner, BlueWater Strategies LLC

As the debate over energy and climate change policy continues apace, policymakers on both sides of the aisle must read the U.S. Energy & Climate Roadmap. If they do, they will find a highly informative, comprehensive, and empirically grounded analysis of the most important energy and climate change issues confronting the nation and the world. This is no ivory tower tome destined for a dusty bookshelf. Rather, the authors are careful to take page after page of useful data and information and offer policymakers sensible, practical recommendations on everything from energy security, consumer welfare, benefit-cost analysis, trade, electric transmission policy, and technology deployment. Rich in detail and insight, this fine book combines the best work to date in academic research and policy development, yielding real, viable solutions to complex problems.

Michael Catanzaro
Former Special Assistant for Domestic Energy and Environmental Policy, White House National Economic Council
President and Chief Policy Officer, CGCN
EPIC scholars have a reputation for producing serious, data-driven research that shapes policy debates in Washington and beyond. The Roadmap is further evidence that that this reputation is well-deserved. It provides a thoughtful set of recommendations for policymakers working on a wide range of energy and environmental issues, from oil and gas to the power sector, transportation, and much more. I highly recommend this book to anyone who cares about climate change and also believes that the measures we take to address it should be grounded in economic reality. Even if you’re not inclined to agree with its policy recommendations, you have to take them seriously.

Jeff Holmstead  
Former Assistant Administrator, Air & Radiation, U.S. EPA  
Partner, Bracewell

In this handbook, distinguished scholars from the University of Chicago succeed in turning academic ideas into practical policy advice. We can’t solve climate change without harnessing the power of markets. Nor can we succeed without confronting issues of equity. This handbook addresses both problems by providing Biden administration officials specific recommendations on how to make markets work better through price signals and regulatory change.

Richard Kauffman  
Chairman, New York State Energy Research and Development Authority  
Former Senior Advisor, DOE

Across all sectors of the energy economy, from transportation to the grid, the development and deployment of clean energy technologies is going to be critical for reducing U.S. carbon emissions. But policy has a critical role to play in establishing the regulatory and market conditions that will enable technologies to reach their maximum potential. EPIC’s U.S. Energy & Climate Roadmap puts forward thoughtful proposals that do just that, offering informed analyses that can and should help shape Washington’s efforts to combat climate change.

Melanie Kenderine  
Former Energy Counselor, Secretary of Energy Ernest Moniz  
Principal, Energy Future Initiatives

EPIC’s new volume of papers couldn’t be more timely: Energy transitions are underway and need to accelerate to address greenhouse gas emissions, local air pollution, and just transitions. EPIC’s roadmap provides concrete, evidence-based and well-thought-out directions for policies that drive to those destinations in safe and sound ways. This book should be on every policy maker’s dashboard.

Sue Tierney  
Former Assistant Secretary for Policy, DOE  
Senior Advisor, Analysis Group
EPIC’s U.S. Energy & Climate Roadmap provides practical solutions to combat climate change—bridging the gap between empiric academic research and policy implementation. Grounded in evidence-based analytics, the Roadmap outlines the potential catastrophic costs of climate change and a menu of options for combatting climate change across economic sectors and the entire U.S. economy. The Roadmap provides a framework for academic research to better inform public policy and for everyone to better understand the costs of climate change in their communities and around the world.

Emily Wimberger
Former Chief Economist, California Air Resources Board
Climate Economist, Rhodium Group

Industry, Academic and Advocacy Experts

EPIC’s U.S. Energy & Climate Roadmap is an excellent tool at a time when urgent action is needed to reform energy policy to address the climate crisis and our communities’ needs. It frames the key issues in a way that will help policy makers meet the imperatives of promoting clean energy and protecting the most vulnerable communities from the health, environmental and economic costs of outdated energy policies.

Chris Crane
President and CEO, Exelon Corp.

This timely book from EPIC—one of the world’s preeminent energy research centres—provides an important contribution to the debate on how best to advance a rapid and just low-carbon energy transition in the United States.

Spencer Dale
Group Chief Economist, bp

As the devastating impacts of climate change hit home, people across the United States are demanding that leaders at all levels of government take action. To answer that call, policymakers urgently need innovative solutions grounded in rigorous scientific and economic analysis. U.S. Energy & Climate Roadmap showcases the work of a new wave of scholars who are bringing their research to bear on the defining challenge of our time: Putting the U.S. and the world on a path to low-carbon prosperity, in a way that ensures the benefits of cleaner air and a safer climate are shared by all.

Fred Krupp
President, Environmental Defense Fund
Agree or disagree, this volume represents an important effort to bring practical scholarly ideas out from behind the academic veil.

Ted Nordhaus  
*Founder & Executive Director, The Breakthrough Institute*

After four years in which it was virtually impossible to have a serious policy conversation, this book is timely indeed. It reflects its University of Chicago origins by genuflecting towards, and trying to improve, economy-wide pricing mechanisms; but it also gives full space and heft to a series of sectoral interventions which seem more immediately relevant to this year’s political debates. Let’s hope it spawns a host of imitators.

Carl Pope  
*Senior Advisor, UN Envoy for Cities and Climate Michael Bloomberg  
Former CEO and Chairman, Sierra Club*

Using insights from economics and its own research, the EPIC team has compiled a useful manual for policymakers who are serious about climate change. These essays challenge other analysts, and advocates, to confront their own policy designs with rigorous analysis and should be carefully studied by policymakers working on one of our most pressing challenges.

Jerry Taylor  
*President, Niskanen Center  
Former Vice President, Cato Institute*