



EESI Submits Recommendations to House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis

November 22, 2019—The [Environmental and Energy Study Institute](#) (EESI) today submitted to the [U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on the Climate Crisis](#) an **extensive set of policy recommendations for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and addressing climate change**.

“The Select Committee’s work is establishing a critical foundation of information and ideas that will inform climate policy development for years to come,” said Daniel Bresette, executive director of EESI. “Addressing climate change is a monumental challenge. We take this opportunity to provide our comments and suggestions very seriously.”

EESI’s response to the request for information issued by the Select Committee in September covers a wide range of topics and provides **specific recommendations for Congress to consider** as climate policy continues to take shape. In addition to suggestions on how to advance clean energy research, development, demonstration, and deployment; reduce the carbon-intensity of the transportation sector; increase the use of energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies in new and existing buildings; and enact new nationwide policies to lower greenhouse gas emissions, EESI also offered three high-level principles for the Select Committee to consider:

1. **The urgency of climate change demands near-term actions** as longer-term policies are developed and implemented.
2. Reducing the risks of the worst climate change outcomes, and adapting to their increased frequency, magnitude, and severity, will require a **cohesive, coordinated set of policies that are complex and interconnected**.
3. **Congress should recognize and support efforts by states and local governments** to reduce GHG emissions and implement measures for climate change adaptation.

[View EESI’s recommendations here.](#)

The Committee will release public policy recommendations for Congress by March 31, 2020.

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