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Clean Energy 2019 State Legislative Priorities

The Iowa Environmental Council supports programs and policies that encourage a transition to clean energy that benefits Iowa's environment, economy and communities.

Protect and Expand Iowa's clean energy leadership

- Reform utility energy efficiency programs to restore robust low-income programs and maximize benefits to customers. Adopt non-utility structures and incentives that will encourage energy efficiency, such as Property-Assessed Clean Energy Financing (PACE) and building code enforcement.
- Adopt policies that encourage community and utility-scale solar development while maintaining distributed clean energy policies, such as net metering and third party power purchase agreements. Prevent new barriers to customer-sited renewables, and ensure no utility can discriminate against customers with renewables.
- Maintain Iowa's wind energy leadership by ensuring a continued, well-defined legal framework that supports wind development in the state and sufficient high-voltage transmission infrastructure to carry significant additions of wind power.

Extend and improve clean energy tax incentives

Improve access to clean energy through tax incentives for farmers, businesses, residents, utilities, and communities to own or invest in their own wind turbines, solar panels or other forms of clean energy.

- Expand to \$10 million funds available for the upfront solar tax credit for farmers, businesses, and individuals to install solar energy, de-couple this credit from the federal tax credit and extend it through 2025.
- Modernize and renew the Iowa Production Tax Credit for renewable energy to focus on utility-scale solar and storage projects.

Support Policies for EV Deployment and Electrification

- Support policies that allow for development of electric vehicle charging infrastructure throughout the state while encouraging competition, consumer protection, and fair taxation.
- Support policies that incentivize EVs and move consumers to the use of clean electricity for more applications such as space and water heating, cutting carbon pollution and reducing dependence on fossil fuels while saving customers money.