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## **Clean Energy 2021 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**

- **Protect critical 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 and growing utility-scale solar sector by ensuring a continued, well-defined legal framework that supports wind and solar development in the state and sufficient high-voltage transmission infrastructure to carry significant additions of renewable energy.**
- **Protect existing state and local policies and programs that encourage energy efficiency such as building codes and benchmarking.**
- **Support policies that will increase equitable access to clean energy such as community solar, low-income and multi-family energy efficiency, expanded options for utility bill repayment, and increased access to clean transportation options.**

### **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, including clean transit vehicles, 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.**

### **Transition Iowa to Lower-Cost Renewable Generation and Reduce Ratepayer Impacts from Disaster Costs**

- **Provide state authorization for ratepayer-backed securitization. This tool reduces the rate impacts associated with a variety of costs such as uneconomic coal plants, storm damages, and pandemic expenses.**