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Clean Energy 2020 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.
- Encourage energy efficiency through policies that promote energy bill transparency for multi-family housing and restore funding for low-income efficiency programs. Protect existing state and local policies and programs that encourage energy efficiency such as building codes and benchmarking.
- Support policies that will put Iowa on the cutting edge of new clean energy opportunities such as tax incentives for storage.

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.