

TO: Interested Parties
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RE: The MAGA GOP's H.R. 1 Runs Counter to Americans' Support for the Clean Energy Transition

The MAGA Republicans who now control the House of Representatives are pushing radical legislation to advance the agenda of Big Oil and other fossil fuel interests. The results from our new survey of American voters demonstrate that H.R. 1, which weakens environmental protections to open the floodgates to fossil fuel development, is *deeply at odds with the public's desire to speed up the transition from fossil fuels to clean and renewable energy sources.*

Fully 75% of all voters today say it is very important (55%) or fairly important (20%) for the United States to increase its use of clean and renewable energy sources like wind power and solar energy. Support for increasing our use of clean and renewable energy sources is bipartisan: 93% of Democrats, 80% of Independents, and 55% of Republicans say it is important.

Similarly, 69% of voters say it is very important (46%) or fairly important (23%) for the United States to reduce its reliance on fossil fuel energy sources like coal, oil, and natural gas. Ninety-one percent of Democrats, 74% of Independents, and 45% of Republicans say it is important for the U.S. to reduce our reliance on fossil fuel energy.

When asked about the pace of the transition from fossil fuels to clean energy, 64% of voters say we should be speeding up the transition to using more clean and renewable energy sources, while just 36% say we should be slowing the transition down. Large majorities of both Democrats (88%) and Independents (66%) favor speeding up the transition to clean energy, while

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Republican voters lean more narrowly the other way (40% speed up, 60% slow down).

We asked voters about their trust on energy issues for each of ten different entities. The two **least trusted** of the ten are the two driving forces behind H.R. 1: oil company CEOs (64% trust just little or not at all) and MAGA Republicans (59% trust just a little or not at all).

The interviews for this survey were conducted March 17-20 among a representative national cross section of 1,604 voters who cast ballots in 2020 or registered to vote afterward. The survey was conducted on behalf of Climate Power.