

State of Illinois: The Path to a Carbon-Free Future

Passage of the Clean Energy Jobs Act

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Passage of the Clean Energy Jobs Act (CEJA) will put Illinois on the path to a carbon-free future, providing solutions to the public health and economic challenges of COVID-19.



CEJA builds on the success of the Future Energy Jobs Act (FEJA), which passed the General Assembly in 2016. FEJA was the catalyst in making the clean energy industry one of the fastest growing job sectors in Illinois before the COVID-19 crisis hit.

CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT (HB3624)

THE FOUR POLICY PILLARS OF CEJA

- ▶ Promoting jobs, equity and economic opportunity, especially in communities of color
- ▶ Ensuring Illinois reaches 100% renewable energy by 2050
- ▶ Electrifying Illinois' transportation sector
- ▶ Achieving a carbon-free power sector by 2030

CEJA is the only comprehensive energy package which will allow us to achieve a 100% carbon-free future while ensuring that all communities are a part of the economic recovery from COVID-19.

AS THE COVID-19 CRISIS CONTINUES, THE NEED TO PASS CEJA IS GREATER THAN EVER

CONSEQUENCES OF INACTION

- ▶ The Trump administration's FERC order will result in huge rate hikes for Illinois consumers and small businesses.
- ▶ Illinois solar development will halt as a result of the solar cliff.
- ▶ Resources will be directed toward propping up ailing coal plants, even as the plants continue to close and devastate coal communities.
- ▶ Illinois will fail to do its part to combat the devastating impacts of the climate crisis.
- ▶ Illinois residents will continue to suffer adverse health impacts of dirty polluted air, particularly in communities of color.
- ▶ We lose the opportunity for a win-win-win...addressing climate change, preventing utility rate hikes and providing a critical path toward economic recovery from COVID-19 via the clean energy sector.

To enable a clean energy future for Illinois and a successful COVID-19 recovery, we must first educate legislators as to how CEJA will provide a significant and critical benefit to their communities...and beyond.

