



Energy and the Environment

When it comes to energy and the environment, Washington is going in the wrong direction. It hands out massive tax breaks to big oil companies that are among the most profitable corporations in the world, while people in Massachusetts and across the country pay the price. The choice before us is simple. Will we continue to subsidize the dirty fossil fuels of the past, or will we transition to 21st century clean, renewable energy?

Elizabeth believes in investing in clean, renewable energy and protecting our environment to:

Improve Our Economy

- If we commit ourselves to clean energy and energy efficiency now, in the long run we can reduce price swings and lower our overall costs.
- Focusing on clean energy can help create jobs and spur innovation.
- Protecting our natural treasures also benefits our tourism industry and those who depend on its strength. From the Cape to the Berkshires, hundreds of thousands of people enjoy the Commonwealth's beauty each year. We must protect our environment to support jobs and economic growth in the tourism industry.

Keep Our Families Healthy

- As long as we subsidize dirty sources like oil, gas, and coal, we threaten the air we breathe and the water we drink. In Massachusetts, 1 in 10 people have asthma. Pollution is a serious public health challenge – and our children's well being is at risk.

Protect Our National Security

- Reliance on oil and gas puts us at risk of being entangled in wars that are about our energy needs rather than our long-term, strategic interests. And when we do wage war, we put our servicemen and women at risk: about 80% of convoys in Afghanistan are associated with fuel delivery, and there were 1,100 attacks on these convoys in 2010 alone.

Prevent Climate Change

- The science is unmistakable: Earth's climate is changing and human activities are contributing to climate change. Climate change endangers our health and national security, it threatens agricultural production and access to clean water, and it risks floods and droughts.

Protect and Conserve the Environment for Our Children

- The decisions we make now will affect the world we leave to our children and grandchildren in ways that go beyond our physical survival. Bruce and I are avid hikers. We love to walk any time of the year everywhere from the shore to the Berkshires. We believe that protecting these places of beauty is a moral duty we owe to the next generation of children and grandchildren.

We know what we need to do. We have known what we've had to do since the 1970s. But powerful oil, gas and coal companies have blocked real change. We can't keep putting off the changes we need to make. Investing in clean energy technology is investing in our health, our environmental security, our national security, and our economic security.

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