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Annie Gilleo is a Vice President at The Ad Hoc Group, where she works with clients across a broad range of climate issues including building decarbonization, mobility, and carbon removal. Previously, Annie managed policy and regulatory engagement in the Eastern US and Canada for Greenlots, a leading provider of electric vehicle charging solutions and a member of the Shell Group. Her work with Greenlots focused on transforming the electric sector by unlocking investment opportunities for electric vehicle infrastructure.

Prior to joining Greenlots, Annie led the state policy program for the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, conducting research, advising government officials, and organizing broad coalitions of stakeholders to advance energy efficiency and increase energy affordability. She also spent time at the White House Council for Environmental Quality, held an Environmental Defense Fund Climate Corp Fellowship at the Smithsonian Institution, and served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in The Gambia, West Africa.



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Brad Markell started Clean Energy Labor Advisors in 2023 as an independent labor, policy and energy consultant.

Previously, he served as the Executive Director of the AFL-CIO Industrial Union Council, leading the federation's climate, energy, and manufacturing policy work at the national and international levels. Brad secured labor's support for the Paris Agreement and the inclusion of just transition language in the agreement. He also drafted and helped pass the AFL-CIO's first ever convention resolution on climate change and led the launch of the Labor Energy Partnership between the AFL-CIO and Secretary Moniz's Energy Future Initiative.

While at the AFL-CIO, Brad worked closely with Congress to provide labor input on the energy and manufacturing provisions of Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, CHIPS, and the IRA. From 2017 to 2022 he was the Executive Director of the Working for America Institute, the AFL-CIO's national workforce training nonprofit.

Prior to joining the AFL-CIO, Brad was on the staff of the United Auto Workers, where he led the union's successful effort to legislate a new structure for fuel-economy standards and provide federal incentives for clean vehicle manufacturing.

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Brian Stryker is Managing Partner at Impact Research and manages the firm's Chicago office. He has a specialty in Midwestern politics, having polled on successful campaigns for Governor (e.g. Gretchen Whitmer in Michigan), Senate (e.g. Elissa Slotkin in Michigan), and Congress (e.g. Nikki Budzinski in IL-13). He has also worked on successful independent expenditures across the country for Senate Majority PAC, House Majority PAC, the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee Independent Expenditures, and Democratic Senate Campaign Committee Independent Expenditures.

Brian has done work for labor unions across the country including research on broad union branding, specific contract negotiations, worker safety/training issues, and organizing drives at public universities. He has also helped repeal so-called "right to work" laws in multiple states to expand the right to join and form a union, both at the ballot and through the legislatures.

Brian also has led much of the firm's international work. He is in his third term of polling for Nigerian Presidents, having elected Muhammadu Buhari twice and now current President Bola Tinubu. He also has worked in Haiti with the National Democratic Institute to elect more women, Nicaragua to make government more free and fair, and Algeria to train parties and candidates on gathering public opinion. He's polled across Europe, Asia, and Latin America for corporate and issue clients.

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Chelsea Hillard is the Director of Philanthropy for Vere Initiatives. Vere's mission is to both create and inspire change that meaningfully impacts the future of the planet. Vere's funding is focused mostly on opportunities in conservation, biodiversity, and advocacy that target the root causes of the climate crisis. Vere Initiatives was established in 2022 by Natasha and Dirk Ziff to further their longstanding work in philanthropy.

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Chris Stolte is a co-founder of the Stolte Family Foundation, which is focused on building climate solutions, improving education equity and increasing civic engagement. Additionally, he was a co-founder and Board Member of Tableau Software. Together with his co-founders, Chris built Tableau from a one-bedroom startup to a company whose products have been used by millions of people across tens of thousands of companies to more easily "see and understand data." Tableau went public in 2013 and was acquired by Salesforce in 2019. Prior to Tableau, Chris also co-founded Beeline Systems, a digital mapping startup that was acquired by Vicinity. Chris's research across his career has focused on the use of technology to support and augment human creativity and intelligence.

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Christina Hayes is Executive Director of Americans for a Clean Energy Grid, a diverse coalition of customers, utilities, developers, environmental advocates, and labor interests who support the development of high-capacity transmission to cost-effectively and reliably build out the grid of the future. An energy attorney for more than 20 years, she previously served as Vice President for Federal Regulatory Affairs for Berkshire Hathaway Energy, as well as an attorney with Federal Energy Regulatory Committee, where she served as an advisor to Chairman Jon Wellinghoff. A native Oregonian, Christina has also served as an administrative law judge for the Public Utility Commission of Oregon.

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Conner Brace is Senior Vice President at Boundary Stone Partners in the Washington, D.C. office where he brings significant experience in the Trump administration and a deep understanding of Republicans in Congress. He joins the team from the Climate Leadership Council, a think tank promoting market-based solutions to lower global emissions, where he served as Director of Policy and Government Relations.

Conner has a broad energy policy background and, from 2022 to 2023, was the Senior Manager for Government Relations at the American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers where he represented some of the nation's largest energy producers.

From 2018 to 2021, Conner served as an appointee at the United States Department of Energy (DOE) under President Donald Trump. He worked in the Office of Congressional & Intergovernmental Affairs as an advisor to Secretaries Rick Perry and Dan Brouillette. He left the public sector in 2017 to join Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld.

**Conrad Schneider**

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Conrad Schneider has more than 20 years of experience fighting air pollution and climate change. Conrad directs Clean Air Task Force's (CATF) advocacy efforts, writes, and speaks on air pollution and climate change issues, and testifies before Congress and state legislatures and in federal and state administrative hearings. His advocacy work focuses on reducing pollution from power plants and the oil and gas industry.

Prior to his work with CATF, Conrad served as Regional Coordinator for the Northeast power plant campaign and as Air and Energy Project Coordinator with the Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM). While at NRCM, Conrad played a key role in the campaign to enact the Environmental Protection Agency's 1997 revised health standards for smog and soot, and wrote Maine's original ozone transport petition. He served as law clerk to the late Judge Robert H. Hall of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia (Atlanta Division) and as a trial attorney at the U.S. Department of Justice. Conrad currently serves as a member of the Keystone Energy Board in Keystone, Colorado and teaches Environmental Law and Policy at Bowdoin College.



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Evan Carlson is a program officer for the Climate and Clean Energy program at the Heising-Simons Foundation. He has a wealth of experience developing and implementing climate and clean energy campaigns—engaging state and regional partners at the local level, coordinating national coalition partners to enact strategies around shared goals, and creating and executing communications plans to influence global climate diplomacy.

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Ian Philp leads climate philanthropy at The Bernard & Anne Spitzer Charitable Trust in New York City. Prior to joining the Spitzer Trust, Ian spent a decade advising early-stage climate tech companies at Canada's largest tech incubator and as the Head of Energy & Environment at the Canadian Consulate in NYC. In both roles, he helped climate companies scale by connecting them with capital, customers and strategic partners in key markets.

Prior to that, Ian worked for a boutique energy investment bank and as an international trade lawyer. From 2005 to 2007, Ian was part of the legal team at the United Nations Mission in Baghdad, where he advised the Iraqi and Kurdish governments on post-conflict reconstruction.

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Dr. Jane Flegal is the inaugural Executive Director for the Blue Horizons Foundation. Previously, she led the world's first advanced market commitment to buy durable carbon removal (Frontier). Prior to joining Frontier, Jane was the Senior Director for Industrial Emissions at the White House Office of Domestic Climate Policy. Jane ran the US Climate Program at the Hewlett Foundation and the Bernard and Anne Spitzer Charitable Trust. She has a PhD in Environmental Science, Policy, and Management from UC Berkeley and a BA from Mount Holyoke College. This year, Jane was named one of Vox's Future Perfect 50 for her work on climate politics, policy, and technology.

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Jason Walsh is the Executive Director of the BlueGreen Alliance (BGA). In this role, he provides overall leadership and management of the organization in accordance with the strategic direction set by the Board of Directors. Under his leadership, BGA has won significant victories at the state and federal level, including landmark industrial policies and investments in infrastructure and climate legislation passed by the 117th Congress. Walsh and BGA played a central role in getting the historic IRA across the finish line.

Walsh has more than 25 years of experience at state and federal levels in policy development and advocacy in a range of issue areas—including climate, clean energy, and economic and workforce development—and as a coalition organizer and manager.

Walsh previously served in the Obama administration, as the Director of the Office of Strategic Programs in the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy and as a Senior Policy Advisor in the White House Domestic Policy Council, where he led Obama administration's efforts to align and scale up federal investments in workers and communities impacted by the shift away from coal in the power sector. Earlier in his career he was a union organizer, homeless shelter supervisor, and a policy fellow for the U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone of Minnesota.

**Jeff Navin**

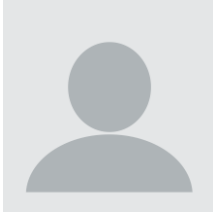
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Jeff Navin is a co-founder of Boundary Stone Partners (BSP), and a recognized leader in federal advocacy. Jeff helps clients influence public policy and public debates on issues by creating and implementing comprehensive policy, communications, and advocacy strategies.

His work at BSP builds on his 20 years of experience in politics, government, law, and advocacy. Jeff has served at the highest levels of the federal government. As Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff at the United States Department of Energy, he helped manage the highest profile energy policy issues facing the country.

He previously served as Deputy Chief of Staff at the U.S. Department of Labor during the labor market crisis in 2009 and served as a Chief of Staff to Representative Stephanie Herseth Sandlin in the U.S. Congress. He served as Research Director to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, worked as the Washington Director of the consulting firm American Environics, and practiced law at Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe, LLP.

**Jeff Robbins**

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In 2019, Jeff Robbins was appointed by Colorado Governor Jared Polis as the Director of the Colorado Oil and Gas Commission (COGCC), the regulatory body overseeing oil and gas development within the state. Robbins was the lead negotiator and drafter of SB 19-181, the law that fundamentally transformed the regulation of oil and gas in Colorado. As Director, Robbins oversaw and led the Commission's implementation of this landmark legislation that changed the COGCC's mission from "fostering" oil and gas development to "regulating" in a manner that is protective of public health, safety, welfare, wildlife and the environment.

In July 2020, when the Commission moved from a volunteer board to full time, Robbins was appointed the first Chair of the Commission. As Chair, Robbins continued leading the implementation of the SB 19-181 protective framework and, as a result, has re-imagined the regulatory environment. In recent years, as Chair, Robbins drafted and successfully guided additional legislation and is currently implementing new statutory directives to the Commission that: provided regulatory authority over emerging energy technologies necessary for Colorado's clean energy future; and reimagined protective financial assurances for the energy industry.

Prior to his governmental work, for over 25 years, Robbins had a private law practice based in Durango, creating strong relationships with local industry and environmental NGOs.

**Jen Harris**

Director, Economy and Society Initiative, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Jennifer M. Harris serves as Director of the Economy and Society Initiative at the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, which seeks to replace neoliberalism with a new "common sense" about how the economy works and the aims it should serve. Jennifer helped launch the initiative and served as director from 2020 to 2021; she returned to lead the program in 2023.

From 2021 to 2023, Jennifer served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director, International Economics on the National Security Council and National Economic Council, where she worked on a host of initiatives and policies, and was a key contributor to the new approach to political economy. After leaving the administration, Jennifer helped stand up BuildUS, a collaborative philanthropic effort to help workers and communities take full advantage of the opportunities made available in new federal legislation, ensuring that the clean energy transition is made real and benefits everyone.



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Jeremy is the Chief Executive Officer at ClearPath and ClearPath Action, conservative clean energy organizations committed to advancing policies that accelerate technological innovation to reduce global emissions. As CEO, he leads ClearPath's core functions that marry deep policy expertise, extensive government acumen, entrepreneurial management approaches, strategic communications, and political know-how to deliver policy action.

He has served in numerous volunteer roles across the public and private sector, including the Board of Directors for multiple clean energy trade associations. Jeremy is frequently tapped to comment on energy and environmental issues by the press and has testified as an expert before the U.S. Congress, state governments, and Public Utility Commissions (PUCs).

Prior to joining ClearPath in 2017, Jeremy advised Republican Congressional leaders on energy, environmental, national security, tax, and transportation policy for more than a decade.



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Jerusalem Demsas is a staff writer at The Atlantic where she is an established voice on the housing crisis and local democracy. Her writing spans issues from infrastructure, labor economics, and federalism to race, gender, mobility and the politics of exclusion. She also hosts the new Atlantic podcast "Good on Paper." Demsas is a Visiting Fellow with the Center for Economy and Society at the SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University. Prior to writing at The Atlantic, Demsas was a policy journalist at Vox where she also cohosted the popular policy podcast "The Weeds."



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Jim founded The Ad Hoc Group to help startups and investors successfully scale sustainability and climate tech businesses in complex, regulated markets.

Jim spent six years building and leading the global regulatory team at Opower, Inc., a Software-as-a-Service company. At Opower, Jim supported the full life cycle of the business from startup to initial public offering to acquisition by Oracle in 2016. Jim has also been a Senior Advisor to Sidewalk Labs, Alphabet's urban venture.

Before entering the private sector, Jim was an Energy Advisor at the U.S. Department of the Treasury where he helped broker the Copenhagen Climate Accord in 2009. Jim has also worked in the State Department, Defense Department and in Congress.



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As Executive Director of the Environmental Defense Fund's (EDF) U.S. Region, Joe Bonfiglio leads a highly experienced, multidisciplinary team focused on stabilizing the climate, building thriving communities and sustaining human health across the United States. Utilizing his experience in government, politics and nonprofits, he works to scale, align and leverage the work of EDF and the organization's many allies to secure high-impact and lasting climate and environmental progress. Bonfiglio joined EDF over 13 years ago, most recently serving as President of EDF Action, Environmental Defense Fund's 501(c)4 sister organization, from 2017 to 2022. Before joining the green community, he spent a decade in electoral politics and government – much of that time on Capitol Hill serving in a variety of roles.

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John Kotek is Nuclear Energy Institutes's (NEI) Senior Vice President of Policy Development and Public Affairs. He is responsible for providing policy and public affairs leadership on financial, economic, tax, electricity market and environmental issues related to the nuclear energy industry.

In January 2015, Kotek was appointed Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the DOE Office of Nuclear Energy, and in October 2015 was nominated to be Assistant Secretary for Nuclear Energy. He was responsible for DOE's research efforts on current and future nuclear energy systems, establishing a path forward for the nation's spent nuclear fuel and high-level nuclear waste management program and a host of other national priorities.

Previously, Kotek was the managing partner of the Boise office of Gallatin Public Affairs. He has also served as Staff Director to the Blue Ribbon Commission on America's Nuclear Future, which recommended a new strategy for managing nuclear waste in the U.S. and as Deputy Manager of the DOE's Idaho Operations Office. Before joining DOE in, Kotek worked for Argonne National Laboratory where he directed Argonne's participation in the Generation IV technology road mapping project. Kotek started his career with DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy, Science and Technology.

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John Szoka became an advocate for clean energy during his ten years of service (2013 to 2022) in the North Carolina House of Representatives. During his tenure, he served as the House Republican Conference Leader, Senior Chairman of the Finance Committee, Chairman of the Energy and Public Utilities Committee, and of the Joint Legislative Commission on Energy Policy. John sponsored major pieces of legislation that modernized North Carolina's energy policy to take full advantage of the benefits of low-cost clean energy and protect ratepayers. In 2017, he sponsored HB589 which saved ratepayers over \$350 million in energy costs by 2021. He was widely recognized as the leading advocate for free market solutions to a clean energy future.

John graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and served as an Infantry Officer, Ranger and Airborne qualified, in a variety of command and staff positions. He retired from active duty at Fort Bragg as a Lieutenant Colonel after 20 years of service.

Since his retirement from the Army, John has owned several successful small businesses. He owns a manufacturing business and holds two U.S. patents for one of the products they produce.

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Jonathan Smith is a senior leader in Governor Whitmer's Administration where his work focuses on guiding key economic policy initiatives from initial design through program implementation. Jonathan serves as the Chief Deputy Director for the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Opportunity (LEO) and the Director of the Community & Worker Economic Transition Office. Created as part of historic clean energy legislation enacted in 2023, the Transition Office helps communities, workers, and employers impacted by energy transitions in the auto and utility sectors to proactively prepare for and benefit from Michigan's future economy.

Prior to his return to Michigan in 2020, Jonathan was based in Washington, DC where he held various leadership roles for members of Congress, contributing to the passage of legislation addressing issues vital to LEO, such as economic development, manufacturing policy, small business lending, and workforce development. His experience in the private sector includes serving as an attorney at a large international law firm and as a policy lead on emerging mobility technology issues for a global technology company.

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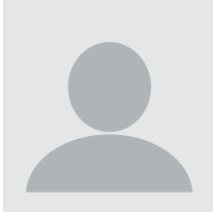
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Lee Beck is Highly Innovative Fuels (HIF) Global's Senior Vice President for Global Policy and Commercial Strategy. As part of HIF Global's commercial team, she works at the intersection of project, market, commercial, and policy realities helping to scale e-fuels as part of the climate solutions set.

Before Lee joined HIF, she served as Clean Air Task Force's (CATF) Senior Director in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, overseeing CATF's climate strategy to advance a broad portfolio of solutions in these regions, as well as leading CATF's presence at COP and related international convenings. Having worked on climate and clean energy and lived in the U.S. and Europe, Lee is an expert on transatlantic partnerships and international affairs.

Avid about overlooked solutions, Lee worked with a multiorganizational team to launch the globally-oriented Nuclear Scaling Initiative, focused on scaling nuclear energy in the US and Central and Eastern Europe. She is an expert in carbon management technologies, having worked on the technology at the Global CCS Institute and CATF, where she worked with a global team and external stakeholders to pass carbon management incentives as part of the US climate package and the EU Green deal.

**Lisa Minsky-Primus**

Co-Founder, Livelihood Impact Fund

Lisa Minsky-Primus is a palliative care physician and philanthropist in New York City. She and her husband Yaron Minsky focus their philanthropy on strengthening democracy in the United States and Israel, mitigating climate change, and creating pathways out of poverty around the globe. Lisa and Yaron are the founders of the Livelihood Impact Fund, which partners with programs in Africa and the U.S. that help people create a better life for themselves and their families by providing skills training, capital, and opportunities. Lisa also serves on the Board of the League of Conservation Voters.

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Maria leads the zero carbon industries team within the U.S. Policy and Advocacy program at Breakthrough Energy. As a co-architect of Breakthrough Energy's policy agenda, she crafts and executes strategies that accelerate the drive towards a net-zero economy. Her team partners with business leaders, philanthropy, advocates, policymakers, and startups to champion policy solutions that reduce the cost of clean energy and drive the widespread global adoption of cutting-edge clean energy technologies.

Prior to joining Gates Ventures and Breakthrough Energy, Maria held roles in local and state government, most recently serving as an appointee at the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection working on development and execution of state climate change preparedness programs. Maria also held earlier positions at the Natural Resources Defense Council and the U.S. Green Building Council. Maria is based out of Breakthrough Energy's Washington DC office.

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Mike is a 21/64-certified philanthropy consultant and has counseled numerous individual donors, family foundations, institutional foundations, and funder networks on their philanthropic strategies. He is a Senior Advisor to the Pritzker Innovation Fund and to the John Pritzker Family Fund.

Prior to founding Third Plateau, Mike served as Senior Vice President for Operations and Strategy at the Bonner Group, Inc. Before joining the Bonner Group, he worked at Mammen, Pritchard & Associates, a Democratic direct mail firm on Capitol Hill. Previously, he was the Public Policy Fellow at the Jewish Council for Public Affairs.

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Mike Murphy is one of the Republican Party's most successful political media consultants, having handled strategy and advertising for more than 26 successful gubernatorial and Senatorial campaigns, including 12 wins in "blue" states that have consistently voted Democratic in Presidential elections, running successful gubernatorial campaigns for Mitt Romney, Jeb Bush, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Christie Whitman (NJ), Tommy Thompson (WI), John Engler (MI), Terry Branstad (IA) along with many other GOP Senators and members of Congress. Murphy has worked on five GOP Presidential campaigns, and in 2000 was a key strategist for Senator John McCain's "Straight Talk Express" campaign.

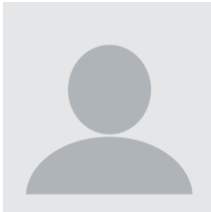
In 2024, Murphy founded the EV Politics Project, an organization focused on breaking down the growing partisan divide over Electric Vehicles. He also advises several Fortune 500 corporations, as well as several Hedge Funds and Trade Associations. In 2020, he served as a key strategist for Republican Voters Against Trump.

Murphy is a longtime senior analyst for NBC News and MSNBC. He also co-hosts the popular podcast "Hacks on Tap" with his longtime friend David Axelrod.

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Patrick Eisenhauer is a seasoned campaign strategist with a decade of experience on races at every level of the ballot across more than 10 states. Most recently, Eisenhauer was the Deputy Campaign Manager on Elissa Slotkin's 2024 election U.S. Senate race, winning the closest U.S. Senate election in 2024 by a razor thin margin of 19,000 votes. In 2022, as Kansas Governor Laura Kelly's Deputy Campaign Manager, he played a critical role in her history-defying re-election campaign. His work on campaign messaging, paid media strategy, and building the largest voter outreach program in Kansas history – Common Sense Kansas – played a key role in making her the first Kansas Governor since 1968 to win re-election while their party occupied the White House. He also served as the Executive Director for Governor Kelly's 2023 Inaugural Committee following her re-election.

Eisenhauer began his career in 2015 organizing for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign during the Iowa Caucuses, and went on to work in more than five additional battleground states for the Clinton campaign. In 2018, he oversaw operations in the western half of Montana for Senator Jon Tester's hard fought re-election campaign. In 2020, Eisenhauer served as Governor Steve Bullock's Data Director for his presidential bid, and then as Central States Organizing Director for Mike Bloomberg's campaign, where he oversaw 14 states and over 500 staff, before ending as the Voter Contact Director for the Iowa Democratic Coordinated Campaign and Theresa Greenfield's U.S. Senate campaign.



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Rachel is chair of the Democracy Funders Network, a cross-ideological learning and action community for donors concerned about the health of American democracy, and is co-founder of Patriots & Pragmatists, a network and convening space through which civic leaders and influencers debate, envision, and realize a brighter future for American democracy. In addition to serving as chair of the board of Third Way, Rachel is chair of the board of the Breakthrough Institute and the Energy for Growth Hub.

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Driven by learnings from his efforts on Google's RE less-than C (renewable electricity cheaper than coal), Ross started an advanced energy research group to explore what Google could do to accelerate future nuclear-derived energy, a potential solution to climate change. Examples include Google's plasma fusion collaboration with TAE Technologies (Optometrist Algorithm), sponsoring a scientific investigation into the parameter space in which Cold Fusion has been claimed (Nature Perspective), sponsoring research into Nuclear Excitation by Electron Capture (NEEC at EPFL), and engaging in high-level future of energy advocacy.

Ross joined Google in 2000 as its first Director of Engineering after an entrepreneurial early career. His early work at Google included contributing to the design of Google's breakthrough high-efficiency data center in The Dalles, Oregon. He was one of the early inventors of Google's AdWords, the main revenue driver for the company.

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Sarah E. Hunt is a globally focused leader in climate advocacy, technology, and democracy. As President of the Joseph Rainey Center for Public Policy, a think tank and leadership community based in Washington D.C., Ms. Hunt leads her team to generate new solutions to some of the nation's most critical challenges—and then cultivates a new generation of leaders to implement them. Prior to founding the Rainey Center, much of Hunt's background is centered in the areas of climate change and election law. She launched a clean energy program at the American Legislative Exchange Council and a climate change program at the Niskanen Center. Before that, she managed state issues and ethics for a political consulting firm and practiced political law at a boutique law firm in the Pacific Northwest.

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Prior to RMI, Sarah was Senior Vice President and Director of the Energy Security and Climate Change Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), where she led the think tank's work in energy policy, geopolitics, and technology analysis. She spearheaded new work at CSIS on climate change and foreign policy, deep decarbonization, and just transitions.

Before CSIS, Sarah worked in the Office of the Americas in the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Policy and International Affairs, where she covered a range of economic, political, and energy issues in the Western Hemisphere. In addition, she spent a short time working at Statoil as its Senior Director for International Affairs in the Washington office.

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Shelbi Dantic most recently led U.S. Senator Jon Tester's reelection campaign in Montana, the 2024 election cycle's most targeted U.S. Senate race. Under Dantic's leadership, the Tester campaign outperformed the top of the ticket by a larger margin than any other Democratic campaign in the country. Dantic, a Montana native, has over a decade of political experience running some of the toughest races in the country. She successfully managed the reelection campaign of Democratic Governor Laura Kelly in Kansas -- a hard-fought victory for the only Democratic Governor to win in a state that Trump carried by 15% in 2020. Prior to that, she managed the successful congressional campaign of Carolyn Bourdeaux in Georgia 7th congressional district, the only Democrat to flip a Republican-held House seat in 2020.

In the 2018 election cycle, she served as Deputy Campaign Manager for U.S. Senator Jon Tester's re-election campaign. Before managing campaigns, Dantic served in a number of leadership roles at an influential statewide conservation organization, Montana Conservation Voters, where she built a grassroots political powerhouse that contributed to the re-election of Governor Steve Bullock one of the only statewide Democrats in the nation to win with Donald Trump on the same ballot.

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Comello previously served as a faculty member at the Stanford Graduate School of Business for over a decade, co-leading the Rapid Decarbonization Initiative.

With a 23-year career dedicated to scaling emerging energy and environmental technologies, Comello specializes in policy and business model innovations. His expertise spans techno-economic analysis, policy and project finance, corporate strategy in the energy transition, and open innovation. At Stanford, he held leadership roles in various research initiatives and industrial affiliate programs. He has authored numerous publications in energy policy, industrial organization, development economics, innovation management, and carbon accounting.

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Tisha Schuller founded Adamantine Energy to help energy companies translate their sustainability and decarbonization aspirations into action. Tisha advises private clients from Fortune 100 energy companies to nonprofit environmental organizations in matters including ESG and decarbonization strategies, managing disruption, energy policy, environmental justice, and stakeholder engagement. She also serves as the Strategic Advisor for Stanford University's Natural Gas Initiative. Previously, Tisha served as president and Chief Executive Officer of the Colorado Oil & Gas Association and as principal and vice president of Tetra Tech, a national environmental consulting and engineering firm.

Tisha serves on many academic and nonprofit boards, including those of the Breakthrough Institute, the Energy for Growth Hub, the Denver Museum of Nature & Science Institute for Science & Policy Strategic Council, the University of Wisconsin–Madison Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies, and the Payne Institute for Public Policy at the Colorado School of Mines. Tisha currently serves on the Avatar Innovations advisory board and is a member of the National Petroleum Council, an advisory board to the U.S. Secretary of Energy under the Obama, Trump, and Biden administrations.



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Trevor Falk joined North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) in July of 2021 and currently serves as Special Assistant to the President for Energy Policy. In this role, he actively works to advance policies and projects in the energy sector, which accounts for nearly 50 percent of all hours worked by NABTU's three million members and remains one of the strongest areas of growth for the unionized construction industry.

Prior to joining NABTU, Trevor worked for the National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) as the Deputy Executive Director of Government Affairs advocating on behalf of NECA's 4,000 signatory electrical contractors in the U.S. He has held various positions in the political arena, spending time structuring and implementing fundraising campaigns for multiple members of Congress and working as a policy analyst for the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress.



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Before joining CFR, Sivaram was Chief Strategy and Innovation Officer at Ørsted, the world's largest producer of offshore wind energy. His teams executed several billion dollars in clean energy asset acquisitions, divestments, joint ventures, and structured financing products; and developed the company's strategic approach to build renewable energy across three continents. Earlier in his career, he served as Chief Technology Officer at ReNew Power, a company that is India's largest producer of renewable energy, and as a consultant at McKinsey & Co.

Sivaram served for two years in President Joe Biden's administration as the Managing Director for Clean Energy and Senior Advisor to Secretary John F. Kerry, the U.S. Special Presidential Envoy for Climate. He created and led the First Movers Coalition, convening more than 100 of the world's leading companies to commit more than \$12 billion to stimulate innovation in clean technologies. Sivaram also created and coordinated the U.S.-India Climate Action and Finance Mobilization Dialogue and the U.S.-Germany Climate and Energy Partnership.

Sivaram created the course "Clean Energy Innovation" at multiple universities to train the next generation of energy leaders. Additionally, he was a fellow and director of the energy and climate program at the Council on Foreign Relations.



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Xochitl Torres Small served as Deputy Secretary for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), managing operations for over 100,000 civil servants across the country, and Under Secretary for Rural Development, overseeing over \$40 billion a year in loans and grants for rural America. She implemented the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and IRA, delivering \$2 billion in high-speed internet and developing the New ERA program to produce affordable, clean energy, made in rural America for rural America. Prior to USDA, Xoch served in Congress, representing a district that had been represented by a Republican for all but two of the last 38 years. In one of the most divided congresses in history, Xoch authored and passed into law the bipartisan Securing America's Ports Act with her colleague Representative Dan Crenshaw, created White Sands National Park, and introduced seven bipartisan bills, including the Rural MOMS Act.

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As the Director of International Policy for Third Way's Climate and Energy Program, Christel leads efforts to shape and advance America's internationally-facing climate and energy policy, engaging with the European Union and United Kingdom to foster transatlantic cooperation on clean energy initiatives. Her role involves designing and implementing strategies and policies to promote a reliable, independent, affordable, and clean energy system essential for the security, prosperity, and climate goals of the US and its allies. In close partnership with a Brussels-based team, Christel oversees Third Way's Carbon-Free Europe initiative, which provides research, energy systems analysis, and advocacy for technology-inclusive climate policies across Europe. She serves as a spokesperson to communicate Third Way's fresh ideas to the press, policymakers, and stakeholders in the global energy sector.

Prior to coming to Third Way, Christel managed energy systems analyses to include decarbonisation and energy land use planning studies with a focus on renewable energy deployment in the US. Christel loves a good research agenda, and is often keeping up with the technology and economics behind emerging clean energy solutions and the innovative approaches to scaling and deploying them to market. She's particularly keen on the implications and the proposed solutions for expanding and modernizing the US electrical grid to support a net-zero global economy.



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Emily has worked in both chambers of Congress and came to Third Way after serving as Press Secretary for the office of Senator Peter Welch (D-VT). She previously served as Senator Welch's Communications Director in the House of Representatives.

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Jenny is the Senior Philanthropy Officer for the Climate and Energy program at Third Way. She joined the program after helping to support their fundraising efforts as a consultant for over a year. She is excited to bring three decades of philanthropy experience to help lead, nurture and grow existing donor relations and identify new opportunities to maximize the work of this dynamic team. For close to 20 years, Jenny has provided a diverse non-profit client base with expertise in fundraising assessment and evaluation, strategic development planning and building innovative donor stewardship programs.

Prior to her consulting work, Jenny spent nearly a decade leading the National Park Foundation's corporate fundraising program and worked for the philanthropic program at American Express Company, where she helped manage a cultural affairs program that supported traveling museum exhibitions, theater programs, arts education, and historic preservation.



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Josh Freed is a foremost authority in climate and energy, pioneering strategies for net-zero emissions and with unrivaled expertise in clean energy innovation and advanced nuclear technology. For the last 15 years, Josh has led Third Way's Climate and Energy Program, overseeing the strategy to advance policies for the United States and allies to work together to create and use an independent clean energy system to increase economic prosperity, ensure our security and protect democracy, and limit the impacts of climate change to 2C or less. Under his leadership, the program has become a leading voice in clean energy innovation policy, advocating for the use of all low and zero-carbon technologies to combat climate change.

Josh spearheaded Third Way's pioneering advocacy for advanced nuclear technology, significantly influencing federal support for nuclear innovation. He has also driven policy and communication efforts to decarbonize the electricity, transportation, and industrial sectors, fostering job creation and economic opportunities.

Josh has been extensively engaged with the Biden-Harris administration, contributing to the development and implementation of climate and energy strategies. He is adept at discussing a wide range of topics within climate and energy, particularly nuclear and industrial strategy. Additionally, he is widely versed on U.S. elections, issues around countering right-wing populism, and the need for better coordination among center-left political parties.



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As Senior Director of Domestic Policy for the Climate and Energy Program at Third Way, Ryan oversees the organization's deep decarbonization efforts, including work on industrial decarbonization, clean energy manufacturing, electric vehicles, sustainable aviation, carbon capture and removal, energy innovation, and US competitiveness in clean energy markets. Across this portfolio, Ryan's efforts are focused on developing and promoting policy solutions that "thread the needle" to meet America's climate and economic growth needs. By developing relationships with stakeholders in advocacy, industry, federal agencies and on Capitol Hill, Ryan builds a well-rounded understanding of complex energy issues beyond their talking points—and uses that understanding to help Third Way influence policy debates through written products, direct outreach to policymakers, coalition-building, and educational events.