

# Climate Plan Analysis – Buildings Sector

## Administrative Action

Candidate	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Bernie Sanders	Elizabeth Warren	Pete Buttigieg	Michael Bloomberg	Andrew Yang	Amy Klobuchar	Tom Steyer	Candidate
<b>National Building Standard</b>	The Trump administration has not considered creating a national building standard.	N/A	"We must fully end all fossil fuel use in buildings by 2030... A federal mandate through the Department of Energy will ensure that new and existing commercial buildings and wealthy homeowners meet our energy retrofit goals."	"I'll create a national zero-carbon building standard by 2023... By 2028, we'll attain 100% zero-carbon pollution for all new commercial and residential buildings"	N/A	"Push for new buildings to achieve zero-carbon and hyper-efficient performance by 2025"	"2025 – Establish net-zero standards for new buildings"	N/A	"100% zero-carbon new commercial and residential buildings by 2030."	<b>National Building Standard</b>
<b>Incentivizing and Supporting Improved State and Local Building Codes</b>	The Trump administration's Department of Energy supports state and local building code adoption and is funded to do so, but they have largely taken a "status quo" approach.	"he will repair and accelerate the building code process and create a new funding mechanism for states and cities to adopt strict building codes"	N/A	"I'll partner with states and local governments to enforce new and stronger building codes"	"Support mayors and governors who improve building codes so new single-family and multi-family homes and commercial buildings are energy efficient and built with rooftop solar, energy storage, and EV charging capability."	"Help states and cities implement and enforce new building codes, including by expanding the Department of Energy's (DOE) State Energy Program to provide technical and enforcement assistance to states and cities. This includes connecting state and city code improvement and enforcement to federal funding opportunities. Analysis suggests that every dollar spent on energy code enforcement and compliance yields \$6 in energy savings."	N/A	"As President, Senator Klobuchar will support the development of the next generation of low-emission buildings through model building energy codes and benchmarking and transparency programs that cut carbon pollution and energy bills for American families and businesses."	"100% zero-carbon retrofits for all buildings nationwide by 2045 [by] rapidly scaling up energy efficiency standards"	<b>Incentivizing and Supporting Improved State and Local Building Codes</b>
<b>Increasing Department of Energy Efficiency Standards for Appliances</b>	The Trump administration has missed 19 legal deadlines for updating energy efficiency standards as of December 2019. In addition, it has taken actions to roll back standards for light bulbs, weaken test procedures, and undermine the standards program by making it harder to set and update strong standards. This means billions of dollars in decreased savings for consumers.	"He will direct the U.S. Department of Energy to redouble efforts to accelerate new efficiency standards for household appliances and equipment."	N/A	N/A	"We will develop a new CarbonStar program to provide consumers with information and rebates on products that have a lower carbon footprint. CarbonStar will tell you how clean the electricity that's powering your home or charging your car is, incentivizing consumers to buy appliances that are better for them and the planet. "	"Ramp up appliance efficiency standards and health-related pollution restrictions, including by taking carbon pollution into account, to shift to zero-pollution standards for new appliances and equipment as fast as possible."	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>Increasing Department of Energy Efficiency Standards for Appliances</b>
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