

Climate Plan Analysis -- Buildings Sector

Legislative Agenda

Candidate	Donald Trump	Joe Biden	Bernie Sanders	Elizabeth Warren	Pete Buttigieg	Michael Bloomberg	Andrew Yang	Amy Klobuchar	Tom Steyer	Candidate
Federal Funds and Tax Credits for Building Retrofits and Efficient New Construction	The Trump Administration refused to support a package of energy efficiency tax incentives. As a result, it failed to make it through Congress.	"identify barriers to help offset the upfront cost of building upgrades and put in place a national program to target a package of affordable energy efficiency retrofits in American homes."	"We will provide \$2.18 trillion for sliding-scale grants for low- and moderate-income families and small businesses to invest in weatherizing and retrofitting their homes and businesses.... many of our homes still use dirty oil, propane, and fracked natural gas for heating and cooling. We plan to provide \$964 billion for sliding-scale grants for low- and moderate-income families and small businesses to invest in cheaper electricity for these needs.... We will expand the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) by \$25 billion to help low-income families pay their heating and cooling bills. Additionally, the program will be expanded to provide 10 percent of program costs for maintenance of new efficient heating and cooling systems and technical assistance for the installation and use of new furnaces, heat pumps, boilers, and other upgrades for the duration of the 10-year transition."	"I'll establish a national initiative to upgrade building energy efficiency, offering tax credits, generous and inclusive financing, and direct federal funding to put Americans to work reducing the carbon output of existing homes and businesses, including subsidizing weatherization for low-income households — and I'll meet Governor Inslee's target of refurbishing 4% of houses and buildings every year until the job is done."	"We will work with Congress to develop an energy efficiency rebate to cover 30% of the cost of the improvements for residential homes and apartment buildings, including more efficient heaters, pumps, and appliances, as well as insulation, window and door upgrades, and switching homes from heating with oil or gas to clean electricity... [We will also] Enact a tax credit for commercial building efficiency that provides incentives to make significant building and appliance upgrades to meet LEED Gold or Platinum standards."	"Create a national program for home and building upgrades. This program will work with contractors, manufacturers, construction unions, and retailers to retrofit homes and buildings on a large scale to save energy and reduce pollution, and will include programs designed for rental and multi-unit housing. Include rebates, tax credits, and low-cost financing for both appliances and building renovation, such as insulation and new windows.... Mike will expand the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit, and increase funding for federal affordable housing programs. This will be matched with financing solutions for energy efficiency and clean energy.... Develop a new Bucks for Boilers program that encourages people to trade in old-fashioned oil and gas boilers, heaters, and other equipment."	"Create the Renewable Energy Building Association – REBA – to loan up to \$3 trillion over 20 years to individuals to purchase heat pumps, solar panels, batteries, and other technologies for their residences. If households choose to take advantage of this, they will pay off these loans at a 3% (or lower) interest rate and will end up paying less annually than their previous energy bills."	"Senator Klobuchar will launch a major initiative to retrofit existing buildings to reduce their emissions through grants and tax credits that support insulation, weatherization improvements, upgrades to heating and cooling systems, and other energy saving upgrades."	"Provide \$375B in public investment to accelerate decarbonization of existing homes, municipal buildings, universities, schools, and hospitals"	Federal Funds and Tax Credits for Building Retrofits and Efficient New Construction
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