

## **THRIVE: A Bold Plan for Economic Renewal**

**Summary:** Over 250 leading union, racial justice, climate, and other grassroots groups recently joined forces with nearly 100 members of Congress to launch [the THRIVE Agenda](#). THRIVE offers a bold economic renewal plan -- with strong majority support in swing states -- to put 16 million people back to work building an economy that prioritizes racial, economic, and climate justice. THRIVE is here to help us build cross-movement unity and momentum for an economic recovery package to tackle the interlocking crises of mass unemployment, racial injustice, public health, and climate change.

Below are key resources on THRIVE, including an [economic analysis](#) showing that THRIVE would create 16 million jobs, an [activist website](#) with videos from frontline leaders speaking out for THRIVE, a [new poll](#) showing strong majority support for all of THRIVE's [eight pillars](#), and a pledge from Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer that THRIVE will be a "[top priority](#)" in a 2021 governing agenda. For more information, please reach out to Ben Beachy, Director of Sierra Club's Living Economy program: [ben.beachy@sierraclub.org](mailto:ben.beachy@sierraclub.org).

- **Endorsements from Unions, Racial Justice, Climate, and Grassroots Groups:** More than 250 organizations are already backing THRIVE, including leading labor unions (e.g., SEIU, Communications Workers of America, American Federation of Teachers), racial justice groups (e.g., Movement for Black Lives, NAACP, Color of Change), environmental groups (e.g., Sierra Club, Climate Justice Alliance, Sunrise, Greenpeace, Earthjustice, League of Conservation Voters, Natural Resources Defense Council), Indigenous groups (e.g., Native American Rights Fund, Indigenous Environmental Network), immigrants' rights groups (e.g., United We Dream), women's rights groups (e.g., League of Women Voters), multi-issue groups (e.g., People's Action, Center for Popular Democracy, Indivisible, Community Change Action), faith groups (e.g., Church World Service, NETWORK), family farmer groups (e.g., National Family Farm Coalition), and think tanks (e.g., Center for American Progress). [Click here to see the full list of supporting organizations.](#)
- **Support from Nearly 100 Members of Congress:** Nearly 100 members of Congress have already co-sponsored THRIVE. An all-star, multiracial team of congressional champions is tag-teaming with coalition allies to help build support for the THRIVE resolution. The lead offices in the Senate are Sens. Chuck Schumer, Cory Booker, Elizabeth Warren, and Ed Markey. In the House, the co-leads include: Reps. Deb Haaland, Debbie Dingell, Donald McEachin, Sheila Jackson Lee, Raul Grijalva, Rosa DeLauro, Brendan Boyle, Barbara Lee, Ilhan Omar, and Ro Khanna. See [here](#) for the original co-sponsors in the House. See [here](#) for our online action to urge more members of Congress to sign on.
- **Strong Majority Support in Swing States/Districts:** A new poll from Data for Progress shows that a strong majority of voters supports each of THRIVE's eight pillars in swing states and battleground districts (support for each pillar ranges from 54% to 77%). Democrats in battleground districts show overwhelming support for THRIVE's pillars (from 72% to 91% support), while independent voters also express majority support for nearly all eight pillars. [Click here for the polling memo from Data for Progress.](#)

- **16 Million Good Jobs:** A new analysis from economists at UMass-Amherst shows that the THRIVE Agenda would create nearly 16 million good jobs. That means THRIVE would create enough jobs for all of the 14 million currently unemployed U.S. workers to go back to work building a more just, healthy, and stable economy. THRIVE would essentially eliminate the unemployment crisis. [Click here for the jobs analysis from UMass-Amherst economists.](#)
- **Press Conference:** [Click here for the video of the THRIVE launch press conference on Sept. 10](#), featuring powerful remarks on THRIVE from Leader Chuck Schumer, Sen. Ed Markey, Rep. Deb Haaland, and grassroots leaders from across the country. A highlight from Sen. Schumer's remarks: "I make you this pledge. If, God willing, I become Majority Leader next year, you can be sure we'll make it a top priority to pass a just economic renewal bill following the principles of THRIVE to confront climate change, economic inequality, and racial justice."
- **THRIVE Website:** [Click here for the new coalition website on THRIVE](#), with videos from frontline leaders and activist, social media, and press resources.

### **More info: Polling**

- [A new poll](#) finds that the THRIVE Agenda is broadly popular across the country, including in critical swing states and battleground districts. Both Democrats and independents express strong majority support for THRIVE's eight pillars in swing states and districts. The poll shows that members of Congress can embrace a bold economic renewal agenda that spotlights racial, economic, and climate justice, knowing that they will have support from broad swaths of the electorate.
- A majority of voters support each of the THRIVE Agenda's eight pillars in the swing states of Ohio, Texas, Georgia, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Florida, North Carolina, Arizona, Colorado, Michigan, and Minnesota. In these states, support for the THRIVE pillars ranges from 51% to 74%.
- In 40 battleground House districts, a majority of voters once again support each of the THRIVE Agenda's eight pillars. In these districts, support for the THRIVE pillars ranges from 54% to 77%. Democrats in battleground districts show overwhelming support for THRIVE, with support for each of the pillars ranging from 72% to 91%. Independent voters in battleground districts also express majority support for nearly all of THRIVE's eight pillars.

### **More info: Jobs Analysis**

- [Economists estimate](#) that a bold economic renewal plan, as outlined in the THRIVE Agenda, would create nearly 16 million new jobs and sustain them over the next critical decade. That means the THRIVE Agenda would create enough jobs for all of the 14 million [currently unemployed](#) U.S. workers to go back to work building a more just, healthy, and stable economy. THRIVE would essentially eliminate the unemployment crisis.

- As outlined in the THRIVE Agenda, these 16 million new jobs would support workers building clean and affordable public transit, replacing lead pipes for clean water, expanding wind and solar power, caring for our children and the elderly, retrofitting buildings to cut costs and pollution, expanding manufacturing of clean technologies, protecting and restoring our wetlands and forests, and growing food sustainably on family farms.
- Economists estimate that the economic renewal plan outlined in the THRIVE Agenda would create over 5 million jobs rebuilding our broken infrastructure, over 4 million jobs expanding clean renewable energy and energy efficiency, over 4 million jobs investing in land restoration and regenerative agriculture, and over 2 million jobs supporting the care economy and vital public services. Across the economy, about 1.5 million of the 16 million new jobs would be in manufacturing, helping to revitalize our high-skill manufacturing base.
- Under the THRIVE Agenda, these millions of new jobs would offer safe workplaces, family-sustaining wages and benefits, and access to unions.