

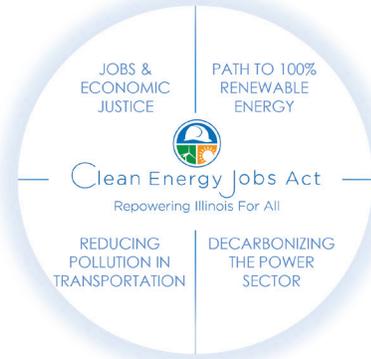
# CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT: Lead on Climate, A Just Transition

**ACTION NEEDED:**  
**Co-Sponsor, Support**

## LEGISLATION SUMMARY:

The Clean Energy Jobs Act (HB 3624/SB 2321) is the most progressive state energy legislation in the nation and will position Illinois as a national leader on climate. It will make sure no Illinois workers or communities are left behind

as we transition to 100% clean energy. CEJA contains over fifty innovative policies under the following four policy pillars that were shaped by thousands of Illinois residents in community conversations in 2018 and 2019:



- Creating quality clean energy jobs + bringing new investments to support environmental justice communities and energy workers across the state
- Securing a carbon-free power sector by 2030 with a responsible plan to phase out coal and gas with proactive transition planning and support to impacted workers and communities
- Putting Illinois on track to achieve a 100% clean, renewable power sector by 2050
- Increasing electric vehicles and infrastructure to reduce diesel pollution, expand access to transportation and prepare Illinois for critical reductions in climate pollution in Illinois' transportation sector

## OVERVIEW:

- » **CEJA defends Illinois from FERC's recent Coal & Gas Bailout that threatens to increase electricity bills by \$864 million a year.** CEJA directs the Illinois Power Agency to take over the capacity market in Northern Illinois to protect us from the coal and gas bailout order from Trump-appointed members of the FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission).
- » **CEJA supports and protects communities and workers directly impacted by abrupt mine and power plant closures from corporations like Vistra Energy and Peabody.** CEJA offers the most comprehensive set of transition policies in the nation that Illinois needs now: \$210 million annually from polluter fees held in the Energy Community Reinvestment Fund to fund tax base replacement, worker retraining programs, and tax incentives to attract new business and rehiring of displaced workers.
- » **CEJA addresses the risks of losing FEJA's clean energy and climate gains.** CEJA integrates cost-effective policies to solve the looming "solar cliff", expand Illinois Solar for All, and increase our clean energy targets to ensure we replace inefficient coal, gas, and nuclear power plants with 100% clean energy.

## BACKGROUND:

**CEJA's Capacity Market Reform and Climate Policies:** PJM is a regional grid operator and runs the nation's largest wholesale electricity market

stretching from Northern Illinois to New Jersey and down to North Carolina. Using the PJM Market, utilities in PJM can purchase electricity (physical electrons that power the grid) from power plants across the region to resell to their

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