



## A Path to Positive on Climate Change

### *Vision, Principles and Commitment*

**Vision:** Together, we can put America on a path to a positive future that will protect our families and communities, create prosperity, and strengthen our nation's security. We can choose clean energy, use it efficiently, and prepare for climate risks. We are compelled to act because carbon pollution is warming our planet and profoundly impacting America and the world. The cost of increasing droughts, floods, wildfires, extreme weather and rising sea levels can be measured in lost lives, higher food prices, poorer health and hundreds of billions of dollars in disaster relief.

Human activity contributes to these threats and humans can solve this challenge. We have a moral obligation to take action today on climate change and build a sustainable future for our children. American leadership can help the world meet these challenges with innovative solutions. We must help mitigate climate change risks, restore the atmosphere and oceans, prepare for climate risks, and put our nation on a path to a positive future.

**Principles:** Together, we can create solutions rooted in shared American values that effectively address climate risks. These solutions must:

**Create a positive energy future:** Climate change solutions should promote abundant, clean energy, avoid costly carbon pollution from dirty fuels, and provide choice in affordable energy. Solutions should help Americans save money by making our homes, buildings and transportation more energy efficient.

**Improve people's health:** Solutions must clear the air, improve land and water quality and provide healthy food choices to nurture people's bodies and spirits. They must combat the devastating health impacts of climate change, and reduce injury and illness.

**Build shared, sustainable prosperity:** Climate solutions should create good American jobs and a sustainable economy that supports better lives and livelihoods today and for generations to come. They should also ensure a just transition for communities negatively affected by America's shift to cleaner fuels.

**Prepare for harmful impacts:** As we begin to reverse the climate crisis, restore our natural environment and build a better future, we must protect our families, our communities and our livelihoods today from the harmful impacts we are already experiencing from climate change

**Involve all Americans:** All of us must have a say in decisions that affect our lives. Special efforts should be made to include youth and vulnerable communities in crafting solutions and setting policy.

**Commitment:** Together, we will lead by example on a path to a positive future and share our goals, plans and progress within our organizations and communities. We will make commitments to:

**Impact:** Maximize energy efficiency, use 100% clean energy, and take other actions that help restore a healthy atmosphere.

**Advocate:** We will build awareness and support for climate solutions by advocating within our organizations, communities, and government to make commitments and set goals bolstered by actionable information, powerful engagement tools and best practice resources.