

## ENERGY AND TRANSPORTATION FOR INDIANA

Access to affordable, reliable energy is fundamental to modern life and commerce, as consumers and businesses alike depend on uninterrupted power, affordable energy, and constant connectivity. As COVID-19 has impacted all lives across Indiana, affordable and reliable energy is even more important to power the state.

Energy policy is complex. But it gives leaders the opportunity to engage on important issues that affect our entire state, from the cost of living and job creation to economic growth and public health.

At Indiana AEE, we are focused on making Indiana's energy system secure, clean, and affordable. The policies outlined below address the everyday concerns you may find in your communities and on the campaign trail while seeking to create the best energy system for Indiana.

### If you are focused on...

#### Lowering Energy Bills

- **Oppose regulations to keep old, inefficient, and expensive power plants online:** Renewable energy is more cost-effective than over half of coal plants in Indiana today, and will be more cost-effective than all coal plants by 2025. Legislation to prolong the use of these plants will only cost consumers money.
- **Oppose restrictions for businesses to invest in cost-saving energy investments:** Many businesses invest in energy solutions to help lower their energy usage in order to save money. This is critical to staying competitive, especially in the era of COVID-19 when every penny counts. The legislature should not create barriers that prevent businesses from controlling their own energy destiny.
- **Upgrade energy management systems in schools and at other critical businesses:** Energy costs make up a significant part of any service or business' budget. By using public-private partnerships at little to no upfront cost, these entities can invest in energy efficiency and other energy management technologies and save local governments, hospitals, and businesses money.

#### Attracting Major Employers to the State

- **Give large energy users access to the energy they want:** Large energy users, like data centers, are demanding more renewable energy to power their business operations. Supporting the state's ability to supply low-cost renewable energy through utility-scale wind and solar buildout can attract large companies with sustainability commitments to Indiana.

- **Oppose policies that prolong the use of energy that companies do not want:** Indiana businesses want affordable and clean energy. Prolonging the use of expensive coal plants harms the state’s ability to attract new employers and weakens Indiana’s ability to retain existing ones.

## Growing Advanced Energy Jobs

- **Support investment in local economies:** Many counties in Indiana have enacted regulations that prevent wind and solar companies from building projects. These regulations prevent investment in these communities and starve those areas of much-needed tax dollars and jobs. Removing regulations will grow the Indiana economy, support local communities, and lower Hoosier energy bills.
- **Support greater access to renewable energy:** By giving companies greater access to renewable energy, Indiana can support job creation and investment in local communities. Indiana lags behind many states that offer businesses options to purchase renewable energy, which means the state loses out on investment and job creation in local economies.

## Maintaining a Reliable Grid

- **Incentivize battery storage:** Support an energy storage pilot program to help strengthen grid reliability by pairing with renewable energy projects and providing power during unplanned outages. While other states are seeing major investments in energy storage, Indiana has lost its leadership position.
- **Support a diverse portfolio of resources:** No one resource can be reliable all of the time and under all conditions. A diverse portfolio of resources that includes wind, solar, battery storage, and flexibility to manage demand helps grid operators keep the lights on no matter what happens.

## Preserve Indiana’s Automobile Leadership

- **Encourage investment in charging stations:** Create regulatory certainty for utilities and businesses to attract private investment in electric vehicle (EV) charging stations, foster a competitive charging marketplace, and create good infrastructure jobs.
- **Put EV drivers’ minds at ease:** Some consumers would like to purchase an EV but worry about running out of power before they get where they’re going. Indiana can reduce “range anxiety” for EV owners by working with the private sector and utilities to build out an adequate network of chargers for public use and increase consumer awareness of EVs as a viable driving choice.

## ...Advanced Energy is Your Answer!

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