Faith organizations welcome the introduction of "100% Clean Economy Act of 2019"

As a collective of faith-based organizations and denominations representing diverse traditions and nationwide networks, we welcome the introduction of "100% Clean Economy Act of 2019".

Our organizations are united by the belief that God's creation is sacred and that human beings are called to responsibly steward its gifts. We envision a world that can sustainably support all forms of life for generations to come.

Please find <u>here</u> our initial statement of support for this bill, which includes many state-based organizations.

The world's annual carbon emissions need to drop by nearly half by 2030 and to net zero by 2050 to keep global warming at 1.5 degrees Celsius (compared to preindustrial levels). However, the 2018 UNIPCC report projects that annual global carbon emissions are on track to stay the same or increase, not decrease, by 2030.

We need a comprehensive plan that moves all sectors of our economy toward a clean energy economy by achieving net-zero carbon pollution by 2050. The "100% Clean Economy Act of 2019" provides a robust framework for such a plan.

We must ensure that a transition to a clean energy economy fosters economic, environmental, and racial justice across the country. We celebrate the central role that environmental justice and a just transition play in this bill.

The United States has a moral responsibility to take bold action towards a sustainable future. With the introduction of this bill, the House of Representatives has taken what we hope is the first of many steps in that direction.

Supporting organizations include:

Church World Service, Columban Center for Advocacy and Outreach, Creation Justice Ministries, Franciscan Action Network, Friends Committee on National Legislation, GreenFaith, Interfaith Power and Light, Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Maryknoll Sisters Eastern Region, USA, Mennonite Central Committee U.S. Washington Office, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Office of Public Witness, Sisters of Mercy of the Americas' Justice Team, Union of Reform Judaism, Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth, United Church of Christ Justice and Witness Ministries

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