

Getting Started Guide

Volunteer for the ECA

Candidates Pledge Climate Action 2018 Project



This year, we Americans will be electing one-third of the Senate and the entire House of Representatives. **We must do everything we can to raise awareness of the urgency of climate action in this election campaign if we are to hope for significant progress after the election.** To accomplish that, we need elders in as many Congressional districts as possible to participate in our Candidates Pledge Climate Action project. We need you to participate for our grandchildren, future generations and all life.

Here is what you can do:

- ◆ **Form a ECA Candidates Pledge Climate Action Team.** Recruit one or two other concerned elders to work with you on this project.
- ◆ **Ask candidates for Congress in one or more Congressional Districts to sign the Candidates Climate Pledge.** Email or mail the pledge to the candidate or personally deliver it at their office, town hall meeting or Candidates Forum. Please plan to follow up if you do not get an immediate response. If there is an active contested primary, it may make sense to start this project during the primary season. Remember to start early as many states have early voting and ballots are often mailed 3-4 weeks before the actual election.
- ◆ This campaign is a part of Elders Climate Action's long term commitment to speak on behalf of our children, grandchildren and future generations to take action on climate change. We are nonpartisan, so it is important to make contact with Democratic, Republican and Independent candidates. *It is critical that we create relationships of respect and appreciation with all candidates and members of Congress so we can work effectively with them after the election. We do not endorse candidates, nor express preferences for candidates. We simply urge ALL candidates to commit to action on climate change.*
- ◆ **Please upload signed pledges to www.eldersclimateaction.org/candidates_pledge_climate_action**
- ◆ **We encourage you to send personal thank you notes or emails to people that sign the pledge.**
- ◆ **Tell Others!** Let people in your community know about the Elders Climate Action Candidate Pledge Climate Action 2018 project and the candidates' responses. Use this information for letters to the editor, social media, other local media contacts, talk radio discussions, etc.
- ◆ **If you need help in finding who is running in your state/district** a great resource is www.ballotpedia.org. This is a national site that has information on national and state races across the US. It is updated frequently and has contact information, websites and emails on most candidates. You can also check the Secretary of State office in your state for up to date information on candidates that have registered to run and are qualified for the ballot. Ballotpedia may have the information before it on the Secretary of State website.