

How to Encourage Governments to Address Climate Change

THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT

Governments at all levels have significant authority to regulate fossil fuels and accelerate the transition to clean energy. State and federal agencies have the authority to establish long-term policies, regulations, and funding incentives to decarbonize. Local governments have the permitting authority for fossil fuel and renewable energy projects in their municipality or county.

Governments are also responsible for public infrastructure threatened by climate change and the social services that provide a safety net for vulnerable communities impacted by climate change.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

1. **Vote!** Support candidates at all levels of government who are willing to take action.
2. **Communicate and Advocate.** Reach out to let policymakers know that addressing climate change is a priority for you. Join and financially support environmental and climate advocacy organizations. Participate in “lobby days.”
3. **Provide Input on Government Decisions.** Many government decisions include opportunities to comment in writing or at public meetings. You don’t need to be an expert! Government agencies are obligated to respond to public input.

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