**Background Information for Letter-Writing**

**September 2019**

***(Contact info for candidates is on pp 2-3)***

**Support for the Green New Deal** Among the candidates who co-sponsored the Green New Deal in Congress, two of those above described it as aspirational or as setting goals rather than firm policies (Klobuchar, and Harris). Three others were stronger (Sanders, Warren, and Booker). Among the other candidates, O’Rourke, Castro, and Yang have endorsed the Green New Deal.

**Carbon taxation**. Booker, Buttigieg, Castro, and Yang support a carbon tax. Klobuchar, O’Rourke are willing to consider a carbon tax.

**Nuclear power**. Booker, Klobuchar, Yang are in favor of new nuclear plants. Castro says he might be willing to consider nuclear despite reservations. Only Sanders and Gabbard want to phase out nuclear power, and the leading candidates (Biden, Warren, Harris, O’Rourke) have not taken a position.

**New regulations**. Castro, Gabbard, O’Rourke, Sanders, Warren are in favor of new regulations.

**Rejoin Paris agreement?** All are in favor, with Yang & Buttigieg calling for a stronger pledge.

**Fracking.** Warren, Sanders, Booker, Gabbard support a ban. The others support limiting fracking with regulation, except Biden who has not taken a position.

**Fossil fuel extraction on federal lands and fossil fuel subsidies.** All support ending these.

**Good general resources on this topic:**

<https://www.politico.com/2020-election/candidates-views-on-the-issues/energy-environment/climate-change/>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/graphics/politics/policy-2020/climate-change/>

**Here is the list of demands from the climate strike organisers:**

(More info at <https://strikewithus.org/>)

* A Green New Deal
* Respect of indigenous land and sovereignty
* Environmental justice
* Protection & restoration of biodiversity
* Implementation of sustainable agriculture

**Current Democratic Candidates for President**

**9/8/2019**

**In order of polling popularity (candidates with <1% support not listed here)**

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 and stating that all emails are read)

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**\*\*\*\* Note: all of these people have social media presence on Twitter, Facebook, etc. If you use social media, this is a good way to publicly urge them to emphasize climate issues and solutions. Example: “Hey, @JoeBiden, please talk more about climate change, especially in the debates!” \*\*\*\***