Dear Friends,

As I reflect on the progress and changes we experienced in 2019, I think about the courageous and generous spirit of our founder Marshall Saunders. Marshall’s approach to citizen empowerment and climate advocacy will always remind us that kindness and respect can change the world.

The current political tensions in our country may feel overwhelming, but the success of Citizens’ Climate Education and Citizens’ Climate Lobby can serve as reassurance to remain hopeful and steadfast. Our grassroots efforts to build relationships across the political spectrum are helping expand the conversation on effective, nonpartisan climate solutions in the United States and around the world. We’ve even witnessed several new bipartisan climate bills introduced in U.S. Congress.

The advancement of nonpartisan climate legislation isn’t happening by chance. YOU are building the momentum that keeps us moving forward. You continue to lead the way as one of the only grassroots coalitions focused on nonpartisan climate action. On behalf of our Boards of Directors, donors, staff and volunteers, I’m honored to share our collective impact in this 2019 annual report.

As more Americans are affected by climate change, the push for nonpartisan solutions grows even stronger. Our approach to climate advocacy is now more important than ever, and our commitment to respect and gratitude will persist. Onwards toward another year of progress that will create a more livable world for us, and future generations!

With Deepest Gratitude,

Mark Reynolds
Executive Director
Citizens’ Climate Education/Citizens’ Climate Lobby
Citizens’ Climate empowers ordinary people to advocate for effective and sustainable climate solutions. Our volunteers build relationships beyond partisan divides and are organized into more than 466 chapters across the United States, and 102 local chapters in 56 countries around the world.

How will we solve climate change? By mending our democracy.

Citizens’ Climate Education (CCE) and Citizens’ Climate Lobby (CCL) support our volunteers across the broad spectrum of their work. CCE is a registered 501(c)(3) organization that provides training, tools, and other educational resources to help our volunteers become effective climate advocates. CCL is a registered 501(c)(4) organization that supports volunteer-led and other lobbying efforts in Congress on select climate legislation. Together, these two organizations strategically build political will for impactful climate solutions.
Chapters work together as teams to build in-district support and inspire their elected officials to act on climate change.

In 2019, CCL grew to 568 chapters across the world.

Volunteers held 1,714 in-person lobby meetings with congressional offices. Through our relationship-based approach to climate advocacy, volunteers are able to present a compelling case for climate action and make progress on both sides of the aisle.

Volunteers held 4,773 local outreach events to introduce the public to our methodology and continue building widespread consensus for climate action. Just over 76,000 new supporters joined in 2019, a growth of 72% from the previous year. Additionally, volunteers collected almost 99,000 constituent letters to hand-deliver to Congress.

Volunteers secured 1,183 new endorsements for carbon fee and dividend legislation from prominent individuals and influencers, businesses, faith groups, nonprofits, media groups, local governments, and other organizations.

Volunteers demonstrate political will to their elected officials and increase public support for climate action in their local media outlets. Volunteers publish their own letters and opinion pieces, meet with editorial boards to generate editorial endorsements, and connect with local reporters to boost climate coverage in news stories. Volunteers were able to get approximately 3,400 letters to the editor, 590 op-eds, 530 articles, and 20 editorials published. Meanwhile, volunteers appeared on more than 60 television and 180 radio shows to advocate for climate solutions.

64 new chapters were launched as volunteer numbers grew. Key roles within local chapters include group leaders, congressional liaisons, grassroots outreach coordinators, grasstops outreach coordinators, and media managers. Each chapter is strengthened and supported by regional and state coordinators.

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I live in the heart of coal country in West Virginia, and I now see climate change in a different manner. I’m encouraged to make a difference and make change happen.

I needed to be able to take the steps to protect the world for my kids and my students.

It is possible to live in this world and to love someone who voted differently from you.
Growing Support for the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 763)

Since the reintroduction of the bipartisan Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, 75 representatives in the House signed on as cosponsors, making it the most cosponsored carbon pricing bill in U.S. history. This group of cosponsors represents about 1/3 of all House Democrats - a remarkable fraction in such a short time. The cosponsors also come from 22 different states.

The Energy Innovation Act has come up for discussion in four congressional committees: Ways and Means, Energy and Commerce, Foreign Affairs, and Appropriations. This shows that not only are Citizens' Climate volunteers building support for the legislation, but they’re building support in the right offices and committees.

Fostering Bipartisanship in Congress

Growing public demand and political will brought carbon pricing to the center of policy discussions for Republicans and Democrats in 2019. Up until the very end of the 115th Congress, a bipartisan carbon pricing bill hadn’t been introduced in nearly 10 years. In the 116th Congress, however, eight national carbon pricing bills were introduced. Of those, four have bipartisan cosponsors: the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act, Raise Wages Cut Carbon Act, the SWAP Act, and the MARKET CHOICE Act.

This year, Citizens’ Climate Lobby also supported and celebrated the bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus in the U.S. Senate formed by Sen. Chris Coons, a Democrat from Delaware, and Sen. Mike Braun, a Republican from Indiana.

“Combating climate change will require all of us—Democrats and Republicans—to come together around bipartisan solutions.”

Sen. Chris Coons
D, Delaware

“I’m open to anything because I believe in science and markets and technology. You take those three things, I think that’s what’s going to drive us to solving the issue of climate change.”

Sen. Mike Braun
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Citizens’ Climate staff and volunteers led a coalition of 663 institutions to mobilize support for the legislation’s passage. Additionally, Citizens’ Climate and the coalition led an important awareness campaign in which every candidate was educated and asked to sign a statement of support for the bill, and voters were educated about the stance of their candidates.

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| **2019 Expenses**    |                 |                 |
| Programs             | $3,939,645      | $465,551        |
| Admin                | $497,075        | $87,775         |
| Development          | $355,594        | $65,897         |
| **Total**            | $4,792,314      | $619,222        |

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| **Net Assets at Year End** | $1,562,353  | $1,117,068      |

Fundraising Highlights

We have two major fundraising campaigns each year in which we ask our supporters to contribute to our efforts by making a financial donation.

**March Campaign (CCL)**

Our 2019 Evergreen Donor March Campaign goal was to get to $75,000/month in total recurring monthly support to help advance the Energy Innovation Act. A group of our Climate Guardian Donors who contribute at the $10,000+ level provided a dollar-for-dollar gift match for all monthly donations for an entire 12 months. Evergreen Donors, or those who donate on a monthly basis, collectively helped us surpass our goal and get to $75,791 in total monthly support.

**Year End Appeal (CCE)**

Our 2019 Year-End Appeal goal was to raise $500,000 in one-time donations to support vital climate advocacy training programs, volunteer outreach efforts, and new chapter development across the United States. Donors collectively contributed a remarkable $851,323, helping surpass our goal by 70%.

Since audit procedures require all multi-year foundation contributions to be reported in the year that they are first granted, the above figures indicate secured pledges rather than cash-in-hand.
Join Us in Our Efforts

Volunteer

Become a CCL volunteer by joining your local chapter. CCL has 500+ chapters taking regular monthly actions.

Start by joining a live Informational Session
Sign up at cclusa.org/intro

Donate

Donate to tax-deductible Citizens’ Climate Education or non tax-deductible Citizens’ Climate Lobby.

Online: citizensclimateeducation.org or citizensclimatelobby.org
By Mail: 1330 Orange Ave, #309 Coronado, CA 92118

You may also consider making a stock donation, Qualified Charitable Distribution, or legacy gift.

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