

Our changing climate represents a real and immediate challenge for the communities of the 3rd District, the country, and the entire world. Preventing the most dramatic effects of climate change, and adapting to those we're already experiencing, will require aggressive and sustained action at the federal, state, local, and individual level.

We must also remain committed to protecting the natural resources that allow the communities in our district to stay healthy and vibrant—preventing air and water pollution, preserving natural resources and open spaces, and safeguarding wildlife.

We need bold, forward-looking political leadership in order to tackle these challenges, and we need Congressional representatives who will advocate for climate and environment solutions every day. This plan lays out some of the policies I will champion, and other ways I will work to protect the place we all call home. These are some of the most pressing issues of our times, and they will be top priorities for me in Congress.

ADDRESSING CLIMATE CHANGE

Communities in the 3rd District and across Massachusetts are already feeling the effects of climate change—more extreme weather, hotter summers, more droughts, and more periods of heavy precipitation. Left unchecked, climate change will negatively affect our economy and our public health and will radically transform the world we leave for the next generation. The changing climate also affects our national security by disrupting daily life for millions across the globe, shaping human migration patterns, and influencing political developments. Addressing these challenges will require both really big solutions and really small ones, from federal policies that limit our national carbon footprint to a greater commitment to recycling and driving more fuel efficient cars.

As the Trump Administration continues to abdicate responsibility—and, in fact, undo much of the progress that has been made—it will be up to Congress, state and local officials, the private sector, and individuals to take the lead on efforts to respond to climate change. In that light, I am encouraged by the many community organizations and initiatives across the district that are addressing this issue head-on, and I will do everything I can to promote those already doing this critical work.

» **Institute a price on carbon:** I support putting a price on carbon as a way to curb greenhouse gas emissions by leveraging market forces. There are a number of proposals for how to best implement carbon pricing, and I am open to different options, but I believe that any funds generated by a new carbon fee should be reinvested in our communities.

» **Accelerate the growth of renewable energy:** We need to support the development of renewable energy everywhere we can. I believe the federal government should support utilities that are accelerating their transition to renewable energy without raising energy prices for ratepayers. Overall, we should create economic conditions that make it advantageous to transition to clean energy. I support the Residential Renewable Energy Tax Credit, which allows residential consumers to claim a tax credit for installing renewable energy projects, and the Business Energy Incentive Tax Credit, which provides similar benefits for companies. I believe we should explore additional options to further incentivize individuals and businesses to adopt sustainable technologies.

» **Rejoin the Paris Climate Agreement:** The United States cannot tackle the challenges of climate change alone—international cooperation is essential. The Paris Climate Agreement was a groundbreaking accord by more than 170 nations around the world to meaningfully address the activities that are contributing to climate change, and leaving this cooperative effort is an unconscionable decision. As U.S. Ambassador to Denmark, I helped marshal international support for the Agreement and believe it represents the power and promise of U.S. diplomacy and multilateral negotiation. I am heartened to see that many states and cities have committed to meeting the Paris goals despite the Trump administration's decision to withdraw. It is imperative, however, that we return to our position of global leadership.

» **Return to the Obama administration's Climate Action Plan:** I believe we should fully re-implement the Obama administration's [Climate Action Plan](#), which included groundbreaking rules to reduce carbon pollution and improve public health. I strongly disagree with President Trump's decision to eliminate the plan; if anything, we should be setting even more aggressive targets.

» **Increase resiliency of public infrastructure:** The [Climate Action Plan](#) directed federal agencies to take specific steps to improve the resilience of public infrastructure including roads, buildings, our electrical grid, airports, and water systems. I believe we need to once again prioritize resiliency issues to ensure that flooding and other natural disasters do not do irreparable harm to people and property in the 3rd District.

Additionally, I believe we need to reframe the conversation about addressing climate change. It is not just an environmental imperative—it represents an economic opportunity. As U.S. Ambassador to Denmark, which now uses 40 percent renewable energy, I have seen firsthand how bold actions on clean energy can revitalize an economy and create jobs. I am committed to bringing green jobs to the 3rd District and have released a [green jobs plan](#) outlining policies to do just that.

PROTECTING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES

An essential responsibility of our representative in Washington is to ensure that residents of the 3rd District have access to clean air, clean water, and protected open spaces. Preserving these resources is essential to safeguarding public health and to building communities where people want to live and businesses want to operate.

The Trump Administration has taken steps to repeal critical environmental protections in the name of shortsighted, unsubstantiated economic benefits, once again leaving the responsibility of protecting vital resources to state and local officials. This is unacceptable—the federal government must play a leadership role in ensuring that every citizen has access to safe and healthy natural resources.

» **Empower the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA):** EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt and the Trump Administration have moved to gut the agency—proposing drastic budget cuts and [shrinking the size of the workforce by more than 1,500](#)—while at the same time initiating rollbacks of critical policies intended to protect [air](#) and [water](#). I would advocate for funding the EPA at Obama administration levels and for the continuation of its enforcement of essential environmental regulations.

» **Protect local waterways:** Congresswoman Niki Tsongas has [worked](#) with a coalition of stakeholders in the 3rd District, including businesses, advocates, and recreation groups, to pursue legislation that advanced the designation of the Nashua, Squannacook, and Nissitissit Rivers as Wild and Scenic Rivers. I would prioritize efforts to ensure this designation is ultimately granted.

» **Increase federal resources for land conservation:** Some of our country's greatest assets are our amazing natural spaces, and we should be doing everything we can to ensure these lands and waterways are managed sustainably and remain as pristine as possible for generations to come. I support increased funding for public and private conservation, including grants to private land trusts and conservancies. I oppose efforts to roll back public land protections or reduce the size of existing public lands.

» **Defend endangered species:** The Trump administration has put the Endangered Species Act in its crosshairs, threatening to undermine vital legislation that protects [more than 2,000 plant and animal species worldwide](#) and conserves the habitat of the wildlife. My husband, Stephen, is a veterinarian who has traveled in the U.S. and overseas helping to protect wildlife and their habitats, and he has helped me understand the vital role wildlife plays in our many different ecosystems. In Congress, I will support efforts to continue the current Endangered Species Act, expand it to protect additional species as deemed necessary, and resist any efforts to eliminate essential protections included in the law.