

YNP Platform

Yankee National Party Platform

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Preamble

The Yankee National Party is a social democratic political party that seeks to protect residents of the northeast from the failures of Washington. We promote the Northeastern values of Self-Determination, Integrity, Democracy, Empathy, and Sustainability by representing real people rather than oligarchs and profiteering corporations.

Our platform is anti-authoritarian, anti-fascist, anti-racist, anti-bigotry, and for the people. We will, with allies and through coalition-building, restore democratic principles in our country and correct system failures that led to authoritarianism and regressive policy in Washington; or separate our region from that broken system to give our people the quality of life they deserve.

Scope & Purpose

This Platform is aspirational; its purpose is to articulate the general positions that our Party holds on the issues facing society today. Not every candidate of our party holds every belief articulated within this platform, but all are required to uphold and share our five core values. Each state and local chapter of the party are allowed and encouraged to adopt a platform that augments the positions and goals outlined herein. This document is meant to be detailed and holistic; summary versions may be produced by the Party and disseminated for public consumption. Our Mission, Vision, and Objectives can all be found detailed in the Party's Strategic Plan.

Platform Creation Process

This Platform is a living document, updated annually by a committee and finally adopted at the YNP Annual Convention. A vote to support this Platform was taken at the Annual Convention in Amherst, MA on May 23, 2026, with opportunity for all members to vote remotely. All states and tribal nations involved with Party activity are encouraged to participate in the annual update process. The Platform process takes much time, energy, and dedication; while there are many who gave some time, we want to especially thank the primary contributors to the effort for the 2026 Platform:

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Self-Determination

"I must think myself independent my whole life, if it essential to my existence." -John Adams

We assert that the United States consists of several smaller cultural regions, otherwise known as nations. Cultural differences have made it significantly harder to advance civil rights for all peoples. We believe interregional communication, cooperation, and compromise has become too difficult, and the people we represent are better served by the pursuit of rights outside the federal system.

Sovereignty & Nationhood

Self-Determination for All Peoples

We believe individuals have a right to determine their own future. People should not be coerced to accept a government against their will, and all people have the right to withdraw their consent to be governed by those that would oppress them. All states, provinces, and cultural regions locally and around the world have a right to self-government and to establish policy that reflects their community's values, so long as those values do not infringe on the rights and freedoms of others.

National Identity

A nation and a country are different. A country is a region which has a common government, while a nation is a region which shares common culture and values. While we accept, at the present, that we belong to the country of the United States, we assert the United States consists of several smaller nations. The Northeastern region—including the six New England states, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania, should they choose to join us,—have a different culture, set of values, and aspirations than other regions of the United States.

The differing values held by various nations in the United States have led to gridlock and strife in Washington and the perpetuation of violence throughout the United States. We seek to end this strife and guarantee the rights, freedoms, and quality of life of the people of the Northeast. We belong to a wider region that we seek to unite as one nation on the basis of our shared values, and it belongs to us, collectively, as a people. As a nation, we are entitled to self-governance, self-determination, and to be free of tyranny.

Nationhood

We assert that our region is its own nation. Consequently, a nation requires its own self-governance. We support progressive steps being taken towards full independence, generally in the following chronological order:

- A. **Regional Cooperation:** The Northeast must work closely together to achieve common goals. Too often our states look inward to solve their problems when the federal government leaves them in the lurch; we must, as good neighbors, seek each other out and discuss how to mutually attain goals. Together we have the economies of scale needed to implement a myriad of policies we wish to see enacted in an affordable and sustainable manner.
- B. **Devolved/Decentralized Powers & Autonomous Governance:** We call for the devolution/decentralization of federal powers to regional governmental bodies (a regional parliament or congress). More self-governance in our region means tax dollars to stay closer to home and our people have more control over their own destiny. Disaster relief services, energy, and justice systems are just a few examples of items eligible for decentralization. Items which would not only increase in quality at the regional level, but would benefit directly from the taxpayers they're serving.¹
- C. **Independence:** If it is the will of our people we would call for the full separation of the Northeast as a whole to ensure our future is our own.

Legal Path to Autonomy & Independence

We maintain that there is a fully legal path towards independence for the Northeast.

The Tenth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution explicitly states that "the powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people." The Tenth Amendment protects each state's right to pursue their own destiny independent of the federal governmental structure. We do not find validity in any Constitutional argument made in opposition to this position.

Beyond this, however, we recognize it is the right of any people to alter or abolish a government when it becomes oppressive of the people's rights. Self-determination is a natural law that cannot be confined by a document adopted nearly 250 years ago by people who are not alive today. We also understand that states have delegated sovereignty to the federal government but have not surrendered that sovereignty entirely; thus, each state retains its right to rescind their participation in the federal framework.

¹ "Devolved and Reserved Powers," *The Scottish Parliament*, 2026, <https://www.parliament.scot/about/how-parliament-works/devolved-and-reserved-powers>.

Understanding that autonomy is legal, there are several paths forward towards self governance—from increased autonomy to outright independence—including::

- A. Constitutional Amendment: Under Article V, a new amendment can be passed explicitly allowing a state to separate. This would require a two-thirds supermajority of the House and Senate— as well as three-fourths of the state(s) population to agree via referendum.
- B. Consent of the States: In *Texas v. White*, Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase noted that secession is legal through "revolution or through consent of the States"². This implies that if Congress and the other states agreed to let a region go (essentially a "negotiated divorce"), it could be considered a legal act.
- C. The New State Clause (Article IV, Section 3): While historically used to add states, this framework—which requires the consent of both the state legislature and Congress—could be adapted to facilitate the departure or reorganization of a territory.

Our Party calls for regular polling on the subject of autonomy and independence within all regions of the United States. If elected, our Party will advocate for the holding of a referendum to decide the question of our future; either as a continued cog in the federal machine or as a free and independent nation.

Federal Overreach & Oppression

We are a Party of peace; we will never choose violence when peaceful options remain open to us. In the face of fascist militarism we have reason to believe that our right to self determination, our nation, and the people who reside in it are in danger from federal overreach, oppression, and violence. In the face of such overreach, our Party would support the assemblage of defensive forces for our region.

Communities & Local Government

Natural Resource Control

The Northeast is home to versatile and numerous natural resources. With our proximity to both the sea and freshwater resources we have significant opportunities to generate renewable energy; we have the knowledge and ability to harvest timber sustainably, and we are committed to pursuing environmentally-friendly practices in agriculture and aquaculture alike. We additionally believe the acquisition and use of these resources must be controlled by the people to ensure they are applied fairly and necessarily. We call for all natural resources to be managed through devolved/decentralized regional powers rather than under the eye of the federal government.

² Supreme Court Of The United States. U.S. Reports: *Texas v. White*, 423 U.S. 67. 1975. Periodical. <https://www.loc.gov/item/usrep423067/>.

Home Rule

Much federal innovation begins at the state level, and much state innovation begins in our towns and cities. We believe local government is the cornerstone of our democratic society, and our Party puts special emphasis on the importance of local government. We believe that matters being inadequately addressed by the State government should be devolved to lower levels of government.

Furthermore, we believe that our localities are the most knowledgeable about the issues they are facing. We advocate for and pledge to deliver more flexible state and federal funding sources for infrastructure and community improvement projects and remove the present, extremely prescriptive approach being taken to fund local projects.

Refusing Unfunded Mandates

We believe that states and local governments must have a direct say in matters which would impact their costs and, in turn, taxes. While prescriptive policy that requires local-level action is occasionally passed by higher levels of government, we believe the level of government that adopts a policy must be prepared to fund said policy. We refuse the very notion of unfunded mandates and commit to forming a government devoid of them.

Maximum Feasible Participation

A cornerstone of the 1964 Economic Opportunity Act, our Party is committed to the concept of maximum feasible participation, where all citizens are empowered, encouraged, and given opportunities to participate in governance. We will support the effort of maximum feasible participation by providing seats to impoverished and disenfranchised individuals on local, state, and regional boards and commissions, by increasing opportunities to learn about local government and policy in public educational settings, and by otherwise connecting all residents with their local decision-making processes.

Solidarity in Self-Determination

Indigenous Peoples

We believe indigenous people themselves are the best representatives of their own values, desires, and hopes for the future. All people within a country deserve fair and just representation. Our Party will work to ensure proper state and national recognition and voting representation for all indigenous nations and tribes who desire it. Our Party will fight to ensure that any government formed for an

independent or autonomous Northeast would work with all nations and tribes to fairly and equitably ensure their representation alongside the states.

The federal government has never addressed previous abhorrent genocidal and treaty-breaking actions towards the indigenous peoples of North America, and our Party will stand up against further maltreatment and work towards restorative solutions for all native tribes.

International Self-Determination Movements

Our Party supports organic movements to change governance structures, including but not necessarily limited to the Scottish independence movement, the Irish reunification movement, and the call for Palestine to exist as a sovereign and self-ruling state outside the confines of Israel.

We believe, however, that such movements can only be organic when they are brought about and advocated for by the people of that given region. Attempts by other countries to annex territory because of a false narrative must be vigilantly observed and thwarted.

Personal Freedoms

Autonomy of Body & Person

All people have a right to autonomy of their own body and mind; as a Party, we assert no law should be passed that would abridge this right. This right extends to all matters of bodily autonomy including gender affirming care, reproductive care, and any other forms of care which may directly impact a lucid patient.

Right to Move & Relocate

For too long, country borders and a lack of affordable transportation have prevented people from existing where and how they'd like. We believe people have a right to affordable travel within our country's borders and, if they no longer wish to reside where they are, have a right to relocate safely. We acknowledge that there are some people within our borders who would rather live in a society that has arranged itself differently or that has a different culture to our own, and we wish to ensure that those people are able to safely emigrate as they choose.

Integrity

"A little integrity is better than any career." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

Integrity is essential to all that we do as a Party, as a people, and as a nation. It means keeping our word when we make pledges and promises, and it means committing to acting in the public's interest, rather than our own interest, at all times. As a Party, we require all public nominees and members to take an oath to uphold our Code of Ethics; as a nation, we must do the same for our public figures and institutions. We believe our country must re-commit to the notion of good government, transparency in all dealings, and the total elimination of bribery in politics and government.

Ethics & Transparency

Public Campaign Financing

Requiring candidates to participate in public campaign financing pushes our officials into a position where they are beholden to the people they serve rather than large interest groups and corporations. We call for the creation of an affordable and sustainably-funded regional campaign finance program. Similar to Connecticut's public campaign financing model known as the Citizens Election Program³, we call for a financing system that provides funding for candidates, eliminating the possibility of large private donations to take over the candidate's platform.

Instituting Federal Ethics

Our government has lost all sense of ethical dignity; regularly using their positions of power—whatever they may be—to help themselves and their friends over what promotes the general welfare. Supreme Court justices refuse to recuse themselves from cases where they have a stake in the outcome of the case, the President hires and pardons their immediate family members, and members of Congress blatantly abuse their stations to make money for themselves, far above and beyond the significant salary they are paid by taxpayers. We call for the institution of strict federal and regional ethics standards that prohibit these practices and enforce such prohibitions with strong legal action including but not limited to fines, removal from office, and imprisonment. Nobody is above the law, and our elected officials should be held to the highest possible standards.

³ "Citizens' Election Program," State of CT State Elections Enforcement Commission, 2026, <https://seec.ct.gov/Portal/CEP/CEPLanding>.

Limiting Corporate Power

Eliminating Corporate Political Influence

Candidates may only appear on our ballot line if they refuse to accept money from lobbyists or corporate interests. We believe such political interest groups should not be allowed to offer money to political candidates in the first place; it amounts to legalized bribery. We call for the passage of a Constitutional amendment that will reinstate reasonable limits on political campaign contributions.

Trust Busting

Corporations should not be too big to fail. In the 2008 housing market crash, the federal government decided that the major banks responsible for the crash were too big to fail, and they in turn decided to bail those banks out on the backs of the taxpayers. We will increase restrictions on the size of any given corporation in a sector to ensure that these failings do not continue into the future. Corporations are not people - and they will not be allowed free reign to harm the real people of this country any longer.

Legal Equality

Right to Equal Protection

Our devotion to equality must be indiscriminate and relentless: we assert that equality must be provided for each individual regardless of gender, sex, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, political affiliation and ideology, religious affiliation, ability, appearance, national origin, class, income, or social status. Our Party will act to pass legislation and constitutional amendments that help to cement this ideal not just in law, but also in practice.

Policymakers must be aware of the unintentional consequences their policies may have, and we must as a society combat intentional efforts to target particular groups of people with harmful policy.

The people of any country should be free from discrimination and incitement to any such discrimination, slavery and servitude, torture or other cruel and unusual punishment, arbitrary arrest or exile, the unjust imposition of one's will on another, undue attacks on one's honor and reputation, and being compelled to affiliate or associate with any given organization.

Democracy

"He that would make his own liberty secure must guard even his enemy from oppression; for if he violates this duty, he establishes a precedent that will reach to himself." – Thomas Paine

We assert the right of all people to participate in the government which oversees their lives.. We reject the march towards authoritarianism accepted by the two major parties. We believe that it is clear that the United States has lost this same commitment to democratic principles; we stand ready to reinstate them in our government if elected.

Voting Rights & Political Equality

Right to Democracy

Our country was founded on the notion that, if our government fails to fulfil its duties, it is our right and obligation to resist and reform their government. This right must be exercised, fought for, and defended at all costs, and we assert that portions of our country have the right to pursue that right outside the Union if the Union fails to adhere to democratic institutions and principles.

Promotion of Democracy in Other Countries

We believe the people across the globe have a fundamental right to democracy. We condemn any electioneering by the United States government in foreign elections, and we condemn the United States' past actions to overthrow legitimately elected leaders. We believe that the United States has abused the privilege of having powerful military and intelligence agencies operating overseas and has wreaked havoc on the international system as a result. Our government officials will not interfere with overseas affairs unless they threaten the peace of our nation or its allies, or if help in stabilizing free and fair elections is sought by the current government of the country in question.

Equal Districting Processes

In cases where lines are drawn for the purposes of establishing legislative districts, both on the state and national level, we insist that fair processes be used to determine where the lines fall. We will not tolerate gerrymandering for the purposes of political gain by any one party, and we denounce the practice.

Electoral College Reform

We call for the abolishment of the Electoral College and a re-work of the House of Representatives. The Senate already functions to ensure each state has a say, there is no reason for states to also be guaranteed additional House seats and disproportionate say in the election of one official. If our least populous state is to be guaranteed a House Representative, then each Representative should only represent roughly the number of citizens residing in that least-populous state

Proportional Representation

It is not enough to aim to represent people who live in a given geographic region; we must follow in the footsteps of other developed nations and provide a diverse representation of ideas. We call for changes, up to and including a Constitutional amendment, that will allow local, state, regional, and federal elections to adhere to proportional representation, where voters are able to vote for a party who most closely aligns with their views the percentage of votes attributed to that party will equal the percentage of seats that party obtains within the given legislative body. Proportional representation will ensure that all members of our society feel like their views and opinions are well represented within their legislature, whereas currently our legislatures are designed to only reflect two basic points of view.

Ranked-Choice Voting

In our current first-past-the-post system of voting, a 3-way race could result in someone being elected with as little as 34% of the vote. This two-party system causes minor parties to be perceived as harmful to the overall race, subsequently squashing any opportunity for nuance outside this system. Thus, this system of voting not only allows for candidates to be elected without a mandate of the majority, it also forces the country to think of each election as a two-sided fight, with any third-party insurgency as only causing harm to one of those two major parties whose umbrellas are far too wide to truly represent everyone in their camp.

Ranked-Choice Voting (RCV) ensures that the candidate with the greatest level of support always wins, and it allows for people to vote for third-party candidates without fear of "spoiling" any election. RCV is compatible with Proportional Representation, and we will seek for both to be enacted in tandem. RCV is the next step we must take to ensure our democracy remains true and valid. We have all been witnesses to the level of dysfunction first-past-the-post voting has brought to Washington, and we will not stand for it any longer.

Freedom of Information

Right to Speech & Expression

The right to free speech must be protected at all costs, now more than ever. We will always uphold the 1st Amendment rights of every citizen, even those that stand in opposition to us, and will never threaten individuals who speak in opposition to our viewpoints, ideology, or government.

Media Reform

Everyone has the fundamental right to information, education, and civic engagement that is universally accessible, regardless of frontiers, through a healthy, pluralistic, and independent media environment dedicated to public service. The present state of journalism and the media, threatened by changes that service the algorithm rather than the citizen, and by consolidation leading to fewer voices being heard, is currently not an ideal situation for ensuring the media functions in its proper roles.

Consistent with our beliefs in strengthening the protection of freedom of speech, the press, and of expression, we believe good, evidence-based, public-interest journalism should be supported and encouraged at the community and regional levels, where diverse perspectives can be expressed within reason and engagement with the community fostered. We also propose a comprehensive restructuring and overhaul of the present media landscape so as to support the creation of new media outlets at the local and regional levels, support existing independent broadcasters and media outlets to develop their full potential, upgrade our telecommunications system to encourage all outlets are accessible to everyone regardless of technological and geographic barriers, and the development and expansion of a comprehensive system of public and community media outlets serving as content hubs for New England and the wider Northeastern region.

Public & Community Media

Public and community media, when fully functioning within a public service-oriented media environment that encompasses public and private elements, provides an important resource that goes far beyond the existing marginal role our media environment assigns them. Fostering the artistic and creative talents of our residents, encouraging fresh perspectives, providing reliable news and information, and educating and engaging citizens about society are among the many functions public and community media does best. While acknowledging the achievements of National Public Radio, the Public Broadcasting Service, the Independent Television Service, and numerous community radio and public-access television stations in advancing the cause of public and community media in the United States, we also believe the system can be expanded at the local and

regional levels to include new voices and talents and move from the margins to the center of community life. Existing public and community media outlets within our region should cooperate more fully with each other just as we encourage regional cooperation and integration among our states.

Voting Accessibility

Digital Citizenship

Secure, effective digital citizenship allows citizens to confidently vote, pay taxes, renew driver's licenses, apply for a business license, view vital records, or check on the status of applications for unemployment benefits, without having to travel long distances or stand in line at an office during business hours.

While recognizing the challenges to digital citizenship, we support the digitization of many important government services on a regional basis. Paramount to achieving this goal is a coordinated effort amongst the Northeastern states to ensure every citizen has access to a reliable, high-speed internet connection. This would unlock opportunities for digital civic participation in many forms. This type of initiative has enjoyed great success in countries where it has been implemented, and a gradual transition to a digital-hybrid citizenship could be achieved in New England as well.

Expanded Voting Opportunities

The people of our country deserve better than to be told that they only have 14 hours to vote. We support making Election Day a national holiday, allowing for early voting, same-day voter registration, affidavit/provisional ballots, and no-excuse absentee voting. The right to choose one's own destiny is perhaps the most sacred opportunity we have as sentient beings, and we will fight fiercely to ensure that the right to vote is protected and expanded.

Empathy

“Love is a great beautifier.” Louisa May Alcott, [Little Women](#)

Our Party believes the Northeast can be a model for placing humanity at the center of how we create a society where everyone benefits, providing moral guidance where the United States falters in achieving these ideals. We aspire to a Northeast, and a United States, where the beauty of our common humanity can flourish and everyone’s dignity is respected and valued.

Human Rights & Necessities

Right to Health Care

We assert health and healthcare are human rights. We are committed to ensuring universal healthcare coverage for all. These rights have already been provided by the majority of other developed nations around the world⁴, and are provided at a lower cost per patient than the United States is able to boast through its privatized system.

Our Party supports a transition to a single-payer healthcare system where the government would be responsible for both paying medical bills issued by doctors’ offices and bargaining with pharmaceutical companies over drug prices. This could save the United States billions in administrative costs alone, and other countries that bargain with pharmaceutical companies, such as Norway, have demonstrated that collectivizing purchasing power into a single hand can lower costs by thousands of dollars per dose for life-saving treatments. This move will lower the operating costs to hospitals and other treatment centers by millions, who will no longer need to pass those costs on to their patients. Furthermore, employers will not have to spend time and money managing their own health programs, while the employee’s single-payer coverage will follow them regardless of where they choose to work.

Right to Reproductive Safety and Care

Our Party additionally recognizes the unique requirements of sexual and reproductive healthcare. Our Party values an individual’s ability to make informed and personal decisions regarding reproductive health. We additionally believe the government can promote responsible reproductive and sexual health choices by ensuring access to education and resources.

⁴ “Universal Health Coverage: OHCHR and the Right to Health,” United Nations, 2025, <https://www.ohchr.org/en/health/universal-health-coverage>.

Reproductive safety and care starts with a robust health education system that prioritizes factual and non-judgemental information sharing for all children. Our Party supports comprehensive and developmentally appropriate health education which addresses all facets of human sexuality including but not limited to contraception, STI prevention, sexual orientation, gender identity, and healthy relationships.

Given the profound cost associated with reproductive products, and given the profound impact sexually-transmitted diseases have had on our population in recent history, we support a universal provision of both such products to all those who need them. These products may include contraception—including barrier, long-acting, hormonal, and emergency methods—as well as preventative STI medications, at-home pregnancy testing, and menstrual products. The provision of these products can reduce the strain of poverty⁵, improve health outcomes, reduce the transmission of STIs, and reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies, even leading to the lowering of our national abortion rate⁶.

Right to Build a Family

We believe that family building is a deeply personal and profound expression of optimism. The current costs and barriers associated with childraising are evidence that the United States has little interest in raising the next generation of leaders, scientists, artists, and laborers. Our Party would work to secure the needs of growing families, even before birth with a universal health system capable of supporting pregnant people with robust pre-natal care.

Upon the birth of the child, our Party supports the implementation of a family leave policy at the national level as currently the United States is one of the only high income countries in the world without such a policy. We support a parental leave duration of a full year immediately following the birth or adoption of a child during which time parents are compensated with a portion of their paycheck. We support a non-gendered family leave system similar to the one offered in Sweden. Under this system, both parents are guaranteed 90 days of infant caregiving, with the additional time available to be split as the parents see fit.

We support families in their return to work. As such, we would work to greatly expand access to affordable and high quality childcare. To accomplish this, we propose a partnership between private childcare facilities and the government, in which the government subsidizes childcare on a sliding scale.

⁵ "The effect of a no-cost contraceptive initiative on method selection by women with housing insecurity," Gawron et al, 2020, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0010782419304718>.

⁶ "Preventing Unintended Pregnancies by Providing No-Cost Contraception," Peipert et al, 2014, <https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC4000282/>.

Right to Sustenance

We believe that government must guarantee access to quality food and clean water in order to secure our people's right to life. The YNP supports passing laws and creation of government programs that support people's ability to meet their daily nutritional needs. Programs such as free breakfast/lunch in schools, public option grocery stores, and SNAP benefits serve to increase the individuals access to food. Additional reforms can be made to increase the availability of food including laws addressing food waste and low-income, low-access food areas. Furthermore, we affirm an individual's right to choose how to support their nutritional needs and to enjoy the food they eat. We reject nutritional assistance systems which place arbitrary limits on the food an individual can purchase by banning sweets, sugary drinks, or prepared foods.

Public Utilities

In the 21st century, necessary utilities such as electricity, water, and internet connectivity can no longer be treated as consumer commodities. The responsible and consistent delivery of these services is required for the livelihood of everyday people and not for the enrichment of the shareholder. We are committed to protecting and expanding public utilities wherever possible and expanding the government's role in identifying, tracking, maintaining, and protecting the resources needed to sustainably support our population.

Right to Affordable Housing

Decisions on where and how to live are an individual's expression of their dreams for the future. Our Party believes in an individual's right to choose the living arrangement that best suits their needs. In today's economy, that choice is increasingly out of reach for everyday citizens. Whether pursuing a rental or considering homeownership, consumers are priced out of the market. Therefore, our elected officials will direct housing authorities on all levels of government to create programs that support rental affordability and attainable paths to homeownership. We are particularly interested in policies that address underlying exclusionary sentiments such as addressing restrictive zoning policies, streamlining development approval processes, and improved housing voucher systems⁷. Furthermore, we support policies which restrict private equity and corporate landlords from acquiring large swaths of residential properties and negatively impacting established communities.

Rights of the Unhoused

Individuals who shelter - whether by choice or by necessity - in a manner different from the established norm of home or apartment are no less deserving of self-determination and empathy. Our

⁷ "Ten Actions Cities Can Take to Improve Housing Affordability," Bipartisan Policy Center, <https://bipartisanpolicy.org/article/10-actions-to-housing-affordability/>

Party supports housing first policies, an evidence-based approach which prioritizes the individual's need for housing before all other considerations. We reject housing support systems which place prerequisites and conditions upon the individual's ability to receive support.

We support an individual's right to make their own decisions about how and where to live. We oppose legislation which criminalizes public camping. While we recognize the necessity of closing homeless encampments in some instances, we are steadfast in the belief that such closures should be done in collaboration with the individuals who reside in such areas and with respect for the communities they have built.

Economic Mobility & Security

Economic Bill of Rights

In 1944, President Franklin Roosevelt outlined what has come to be known as an "Economic Bill of Rights," and challenged Congress to ensure these rights. We believe wholeheartedly in FDR's proposal, and we believe that the rights he outlined are not only important to the welfare of our people and a free society, but we believe they are moral imperatives. Our elected officials will work to get an Economic Bill of Rights adopted.

Unionization

We believe the workers of our country have a right to seek the best and most favorable conditions in the workplace. While unions have, historically, been loosely protected by law, we believe our Constitution needs to specifically ensure the right to unionize. Our Party will encourage all employees, public and private, to unionize in an effort to better their places of work and their own quality of life.

Modern Working Conditions

The 20th century brought us the 40-hour work week, and we believe that societal standards should keep pace with technological advancements. We propose the government facilitate a shift to a 32-hour work week in both the public and private sectors. A strong work-life balance not only offers more opportunity for the pursuit of happiness, it creates more efficient and stress-free workers to provide services to their communities.

Universal Basic Income

Corporations in the United States have worked hard to increase profit margins at quite literally any cost. The endless pursuit of automation, and now artificial intelligence, are eliminating jobs from the workplace at such a rate that we must act to mitigate damage to our communities.

In an effort to ensure that all may thrive and live their best lives in our country, we believe all basic necessities should be guaranteed by the government. To guarantee this while keeping the government's footprint as small as possible, we propose the implementation of a universal basic income—a monthly stipend given to all residents regardless of age or other factor.

This basic income would ease, if not completely resolve, the cost burden of necessary goods, in turn giving individuals a greater opportunity to pursue personal growth such as education, community building, and other forms of innovation. We will help facilitate local and state governments to pilot these programs to determine their feasibility on different levels of government and help determine whether or not this is a policy we wish to implement in the long-term as a nation.

Desegregating Communities

We support the right of people to live where they work, and believe unequal housing opportunity is a major factor perpetuating segregation in many of our communities. Racial and income segregation persists in the Northeast, Boston being an area experiencing this issue with particular intensity.⁸ This is perpetuated largely by local zoning laws which effectively prevent lower-income families, as well as people of color, from accessing housing in many would-be-exclusive communities.

One crucial part of this solution falls to the states to create fair-share housing laws. Legislation which reduces the ability of communities to crush proposed affordable housing developments if less than 10% of the housing stock in the community is affordable may be a path forward. Contrary to popular belief, such legislation does not entail the end of all local control, but if maintaining the character of a community means preventing low income families and people of color from accessing the high-quality schools and opportunities provided there, fundamental change is necessary. Even in our most progressive communities, we must not be afraid to call out segregation where it exists, and to try and remedy this fundamental societal ill.

⁸ Martin, Jessica, Kennedy, Aja, and Schuster, Luc, "Residential Segregation in Greater Boston: Shifting Patterns by Race and Income," *Boston Indicators of the Boston Foundation*, August 2025, https://www.bostonindicators.org/-/media/indicators/boston-indicators-reports/report-files/bi_segregation_073125.pdf

Desegregating Schools

A result of segregated communities is segregated schools and classrooms. We believe one of the best ways to fight bigotry and expand economic opportunity is to ensure that our children grow up in an environment that is diverse, tolerant, integrated, and loving, and we believe working to desegregate classrooms is a crucial step in achieving this end.

We believe children deserve equitable access to the same resources, and subsequently propose centralizing education funds at the state level and distributing them to school systems equally per enrolled pupil. We oppose school choice programs which serve only to divert public school funding into charter, private, and selective magnet schools. This will ensure that students will not be left behind and it will help to provide a more equitable experience for all.

Eliminating Regressive Taxation

Regressive taxes are those that disproportionately impact individuals with lower incomes; these include property taxes, flat sales taxes, and payroll taxes. In some states, like Connecticut, the lowest 20% of income earners (less than \$25,600 per year) pay 7.3% of the property taxes in the state while the top 1% of income earners (making over \$1.3 million per year) contribute only 1.4%⁹. Progressive taxes are designed to account for income and wealth in a way that guarantees the top 1% wealthiest pay their fair share in taxes. We will abolish regressive taxes in our states and towns and seek to replace revenue streams with progressive taxes, lifting the burden off of people in need and asking more from people who have abundance.

Free Public College and Trade School

We believe that our citizens have a right to education so that they may hold jobs of their choosing and feel empowered to engage with the world-at-large. In the modern era, most jobs require either a college degree or a good amount of technical training in a specific field; a high school diploma alone is no longer sufficient. Our Party supports guaranteeing all citizens the right to attend institutions of higher learning free of charge.

⁹ "Connecticut: Who Pays? 7th Edition," Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, 2026, <https://itep.org/connecticut-who-pays-7th-edition/>

Law & Justice

Rehabilitative and Restorative Justice

Restorative Justice is the practice of working to rehabilitate criminal offenders by helping them to understand the harm their actions caused others and the community-at-large. This is a movement away from retributive justice, which seeks to punish offenders in equal measure to the crime they committed. We believe society has a responsibility to help offenders understand their wrongs and work to rehabilitate them rather than condemn them to extended periods of imprisonment. Wherever possible, our Party will advocate for criminal justice policies which prioritize growth of the individual, dignity of the victim, and restoration of the community at large. Our Party will work to abolish the death penalty, eliminate mandatory minimum sentencing laws, and increase prisoner access to education and rehabilitative services.

Policing Reform

We support a reform of modern law enforcement to focus on keeping the peace and serving the people. We know our local police departments are better prepared to face the issues of the day when they are supported by social workers, a working healthcare system, and policies that keep people out of poverty. To that end, we support a significant decrease in funding for initiatives which serve only to militarize our police such as the purchase of armored vehicles, firearms, crowd control devices, and surveillance. We propose reallocating those funds to areas that prevent violence in the first place, such as mental health facilities, social workers, universal healthcare, or housing. We support civilian oversight boards to monitor and encourage the monitoring of local departments by the communities they serve. Finally, we expect that all public officials, including police officers, be held to the highest of standards and will work to enact procedures which ensure that those officers who break the law are accountable.

Immigration Enforcement Reform

We believe ICE has become the foremost example of the federal government's tendency to violate civil liberties. They frequently operate under the color of law without abiding by those laws. We believe the commonly cited police reforms are not enough. The organization needs to be uprooted and countered. We support laws that both protect people's rights and restrict ICE's actions. These include bills like "New York for All" and "Fight Unlawful Conduct and Keep Individuals and Communities Empowered."¹⁰

¹⁰ NY Senate Bill 2025-S2235A, NY State Senate, 2025, <https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/bills/2025/S2235/amendment/A>

¹¹ New Jersey Assembly Bill 4446, NJ State Assembly, 2026, https://pub.njleg.gov/Bills/2026/A4500/4446_I1.HTM

Decriminalization of Substance Use

America's "War on Drugs" has by and large been a movement to incarcerate people of color, particularly Black and Hispanic Americans. It is a crusade against our country's minorities under the guise of a legitimate protection operation, and has done very little to solve the crisis of substance abuse. Outlawing drugs has criminalized too many individuals and crowded our jails. Interdiction, foreign and domestic, has been ineffective in stemming the flow of drugs. The U.S. Government has immorally used the drug war to justify foreign military intervention. The time has come to put an end to these draconian practices.

We call for the immediate decriminalization of cannabis possession, distribution, and use, and call for pardons to be issued for all individuals that are or have been incarcerated for marijuana-related offenses. Our elected officials will advocate for medical and recreational marijuana to be legalized and regulated, using taxes gained from the sale of such products for education, prevention, and treatment efforts related to substance abuse disorder.

We call for a decriminalization of substance use and possession for all substances. Violent and destructive actions, as well as actions taken to sell and distribute harmful substances, can and should be policed separately from the use of the substance itself.

Abolishing Human Trafficking

We condemn the institution of human trafficking in the harshest possible terms. This includes all forms of human trafficking. Whether it be trafficking of children or adults, for labor or for sexual exploitation, trafficking of any form directly violates our Party's values. Our Party calls on the federal, state, and even local governments to help educate the public about the countless individuals trafficked today, and to redouble efforts to break up trafficking rings at home and abroad.

Peace & International Relations

Right to Peace

At home and abroad, we believe wholeheartedly that all human beings have a right to live peaceful lives free from threat of violence. To that end, we are an anti-war Party.

We understand the best way to ensure peace is to cultivate robust diplomatic relationships with other countries and to stand resolutely against violations of international law. We will always stand with those that support democracy against the aggressive nature of tyrannical nations and actors and be prepared to defend ourselves, but we do this in the interest of maintaining peace, not entering and exiting conflicts around the globe.

Free Haven

Refugees are those who flee their home country because of violence and war - wars often instigated by the United States or an agent thereof. Individuals who possess "refugee" status have a reasonable belief they will be harmed or persecuted if returned to their home country. It is our moral obligation to do whatever it takes to see that these displaced refugees are cared and provided for. We stand in support of streamlining our refugee application process to ensure those in need can enter the country and receive aid in a timely manner. We will work to support refugees as they come to the Northeast so that they are able to transition into their new life here easily and become a productive part of the local economy. Our willingness to accept outside thinking is not only something that's made America great, but has often preserved the very existence of our country.

Responsibility to Protect¹²

The Responsibility to Protect (R2P) is a global political commitment endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly at the 2005 World Summit in order to address its four key concerns of preventing genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing, and crimes against humanity.

The doctrine is regarded as a unanimous and well-established international norm over the past two decades, yet the United States has wielded its power in the international community to allow and, in some cases, even encourage genocide, war crimes, and other prohibited and morally bankrupt activities in other countries. Our Party condemns these atrocities in the strongest terms and stands with the international community that would take decisive action to end such crimes from being committed. Our nation would commit its military, economy, and general administration to ending such atrocities around the world in collaboration with other nations. We support the Responsibility to Protect doctrine and call for the United States to adhere to it immediately.

Revoking Permanent Veto Status

At the United Nations, the United States and four other countries were given a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council and, in turn, have permanent veto power on actions of the Security Council. We reject the notion that any one country has more of a right to decide the course of world events than another. We assert that this power has led to the outsized influence of these five countries, allowing for the prioritization of their own interests over the needs of the wider international community. Our elected officials would move to build consensus within the United Nations to amend the agency's charter to revoke this power.

¹² "About The Responsibility to Protect," United Nations, April 5th 2026, <https://www.un.org/en/genocide-prevention/responsibility-protect/about>.

Combating White Supremacy, Fascism, & Extremism

The authoritarian right is resurgent across the world, and many appear to forget the horrors of fascism experienced by previous generations.. We have not forgotten, and we will not be complacent. We must do more to combat all hateful progress, and take steps to address white supremacy, Nazi ideology, Christian nationalism, and the crusade against transgender people.

Restricting Overseas Military Activity

The United States Congress has not voted to approve a war since 1942. . Since then, each military action taken has been done at the President's discretion or upon passage of an "authorization for the use of military force" by Congress The Constitution gives Congress the power to declare war, but it says no such thing about authorizing a level of military force outside of that declaration. We feel that the power of Congress has been usurped by war-hawks in Washington. We call for the immediate cessation of all US hostilities overseas. We demand that the right to levy a foreign invasion force be more strictly limited and support the passing of legislative action to better define overseas use of military force outside of declarations of war.

Ending Nuclear Proliferation

Nuclear proliferation around the world is a threat to the survival of our species, and, in a world where we aim to promote peace and human rights, we believe there is no need for nuclear arms. Our elected officials will not only work to stop nuclear proliferation around the world, but they will work to dismantle the stockpile in the United States for all time.

Faith & Culture

Separation of Church & State

Our Party stands with America's root of religious freedom, as well as the stipulation that any and all religion must be kept out of government. We believe the freedom to practice one's religion, and to form community with those who share that religion free from fear of harm, is a basic right. We recognize the harm being done in our government by the far right under the guise of "Christian values", notably including transphobia, racism, misogyny, and homophobia.

While we support the ability of congregations and religious groups to speak out on policy issues related to their values, we reject any action by the government to exempt houses of worship and religious organizations from the Johnson Amendment, which clearly prohibits 501(c)(3) nonprofit

organizations from endorsing or opposing partisan political candidates for public office. We further reject any government action taken which appears to favor one faith system over another.

Freedom of Culture

Our Party believes the ultimate goal of any society is to provide for its citizens in such a way that they can enjoy the world and all its offerings to the fullest. In government, we will strive to provide all the basic essentials one needs to be able to more thoroughly appreciate life.

We believe cultural family traditions should not only be permitted, but should be celebrated. Local governments can devote time, space, and funds to uplift the diverse languages, holidays, fashions, and art forms present in their communities. Immigration has made the Northeast strong, and we embrace all those who wish to seek the Northeast as a place to make their home in peace.

Supporting the Arts

Freedom of artistic expression is a fundamental right; it is a key element in empowering communities and promoting a celebration of culture and diversity. Artists can create in ways that foster healthy, non-alienating relationships between people and their daily environments, communities, and the earth. As a government, our elected officials will invest in the arts and ensure that our nation remains a place of artistic creation and celebration.

The people of other modernized countries have long enjoyed affordable access to art and culture, and we feel that our country should have the same opportunity. We support creating a subsidy program, in the style of those seen in England and France, to lower admission prices to theatrical performances, museums, concert halls, and more. We believe that the arts are an integral part of a holistic education, and we support expansion of art programs in public schools.

We will fight against laws to censor artists and encourage community-funded programs, employing local artists to enrich communities through public art programs. We will incorporate arts education studies and activities into every school curriculum with appropriate funding and staffing. We also encourage local artists and the community to contribute time, experience, and resources to these efforts.

Sustainability

"I believe there is a subtle magnetism in nature, which, if we unconsciously yield to it, will direct us alright." -Henry David Thoreau

The Northeast is a region with a unique geography and a variety of resources at our disposal for the flourishing of our democracy and the exercise of our self-determination. Because of our historical role in economic and human development, from the work of our indigenous peoples to the Industrial Revolution, the development of the knowledge economy, and beyond, we have a unique responsibility at the present moment to create and demonstrate a model for ethical and equitable flourishing of our society. At the present moment, our region, as well as the US in general, have become symbols of mass consumption and waste, but our Party aspires to far greater ends. More than just simply enforcing greater environmental standards, we aspire for a more responsible stewardship of our potential for a more just region.

Sustainable Environment

Carbon Neutrality

Our Party fully accepts the overwhelming evidence scientists have presented demonstrating that our globe's climate is changing, largely as a result of human activity and carbon emissions. We will develop a comprehensive plan to eliminate our region's reliance on fossil fuels. We know for certain that a reduction of greenhouse gasses in the atmosphere can help to stabilize the earth's natural systems as we have come to know them over the past several thousand years of human history. The time has come to put away debate and to take decisive action to achieve total carbon neutrality in a reasonable timeframe. To achieve this end, we will invest heavily in renewable resources, explore the possibility of installing more solar technologies on our roadways and buildings, invest in more green infrastructure, and study and utilize new carbon sequestration technologies. Our Party supports the exploration of all non-fossil fuel energy technologies, including peaceful uses of nuclear technology.

Climate Resilience

The Northeast needs holistic solutions that address the legacy of environmental damage and its ongoing effects with respect to climate change. Our coastal and lowland communities cannot manage hurricane devastation alone, nor can our towns and cities be left to deal with floods and drought on their own. We must strive to create more resilient communities that are capable of handling disasters in real time. To achieve this end, we will invest heavily in assisting waterfront

communities in mitigating erosion and mass-flooding, incentivize drought-resistant agricultural practices, and support wildlife revitalization efforts.

Biodiversity

Sustaining unique ecosystems and biodiversity, ensuring they thrive in balance and harmony, is not only a moral obligation, but also of paramount importance to the survival and betterment of humanity and ecology alike. Beyond the obvious benefits that biodiversity can offer our planet's ecosystems, humanity also relies on a multitude of other organisms for the development of new food, medicine, and other technological breakthroughs¹³. We do not yet know what endless possibilities may still await our discovery as we continue to research different species, but we do know that our options become increasingly more and more limited as species go extinct. We will work to protect biodiversity through the preservation of ecosystems, the protection of aquatic resources, and decreasing demand on resources whose harvest harms habitats.

Agriculture

We call for the development and expansion of sustainable agricultural practices in both rural and urban communities as a focal point not only for establishing food sovereignty, but as a support for revitalizing community life. To that end, our Party supports enacting policy that will promote eco-friendly, efficient farming practices. We will seek to support small farms and protect the individual's right to farm as a means of creating sustenance for themselves. We call for the further expansion of agriculture into urban areas through vertical and hydroponic farming, empowerment of indigenous peoples to develop their food sovereignty, and ensuring those who wish to sustainably farm are protected and encouraged.

Prioritizing Local Knowledge

The Northeast is more than just a collection of natural environments, but also a mosaic of inter-connected communities of all types. Prior attempts by governments and organizations to implement standardized solutions on all environments did not take into account unique peculiarities of each area. The results have been obvious for all to see, whether it be reduced diversity of species, increased levels of pollution, and communities under increased stress from natural disasters and temperature extremes. Our Party believes in a Northeast where local knowledge of our environmental challenges combine with best practices to equip us with the tools to best serve our communities and preserve the biodiverse ecosystems which make the Northeast so beautiful. Every community has an identity, a history, and culture that is cherished and celebrated, and we affirm the right of all communities to develop sustainable practices to ensure future generations thrive. Local knowledge

¹³ "Biodiversity," World Health Organization, 2025, <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/biodiversity#:~:text=People%20depend%20on%20biodiversity%20in.of%20traditional%20and%20complementary%20medicines.>

is valuable in addressing specific needs and circumstances otherwise not understood, and is vital in helping bring our environment back into a sustainable balance.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Investing in the Circular Economy

Our Party believes that sustainable business practices are an important part of ensuring our environment is resilient and sustainable. We advocate for business practices and standards that create a circular economy, where products are designed in a sustainable manner, recycled materials are used, products are designed for longevity and durability, and we minimize the use of additional resources and toxic and harmful materials¹⁴. We advocate for an economy that allows for the regeneration of resources so as to ensure mutual benefit. We also advocate for business practices that minimize the harm done to species diversity and encourage the rehabilitation of environments where past harmful practices have destroyed ecosystems and habitats.

Producer-Responsible Recycling

We support utilizing extended producer recycling (EPR) as a means of enforcing greater environmental standards on all purchased products and packaging. EPR is a legal requirement dictating that the producers of any product are financially responsible for the disposal of that produced material¹⁵. This change in our recycling system would encourage production companies to create items that are more easily recyclable and it encourages a total decreased use in packaging, ultimately leading to a more eco-friendly marketplace.

Infrastructure & Transportation

Regional Infrastructure Cooperation

Although our region was among the pioneers in developing modern infrastructure as we know it, today we have an aging and vulnerable system functioning on autopilot rather than continuous renewal and improvement. Our Party believes in the creation of people-centric infrastructure that enhances our autonomy as a nation while ensuring the resources needed to sustainably support our population are available. We advocate for cooperation among states and communities for full use of the latest technological advances in infrastructure resilience and renewable energy development. Aging and obsolete infrastructure should be replaced with newer systems that allow both for

¹⁴ "A systems thinking approach to understanding the challenges of achieving the circular economy," Eleni Iacovidou et al, 2020, <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11356-020-11725-9>

¹⁵ "Introduce to the Guide for EPR Proposals," Sustainable Packaging Coalition, 2026, <https://epr.sustainablepackaging.org/>.

decentralized networks and “smart grids” within our public utilities to ensure fair and efficient access to our resources. We call for developing an infrastructure replacement and expansion program that will help better connect our more rural communities.

Integrated, Multi-Modal Public Transportation

The present state of the Northeast’s public transit system is not one that is conducive to people exercising their fundamental rights to travel and mobility. Rural and urban areas alike do not have access to a network that is clean, safe, convenient, and runs frequently to any destination. Our Party believes there is potential for improving our existing transportation network, and how access to the system is designed, to create a better and more sustainable system that achieves the best of human creativity and community development. We call for a shift in focus on transit at the community, state, and regional levels, both to encourage more financially sustainable development and to return funds back to our communities. As an alternative to current planning models that prioritize certain modes over others, we propose an integrated, multi-modal public transportation system. This type of system ensures that all types of transportation, whether rail, busses, or ferries, are integrated which allows riders to seamlessly transition between transportation systems as needed¹⁶ ¹⁷. This will entail a high degree of coordination and fare integration between states and transit agencies and a high degree of investment in our transit networks, in order to ensure we have the system we need to realize everyone’s full potential.

Renewing Our Railways

Among the modes of transportation that form part of the integrated system, our Party takes note of the recent revival towards rejuvenating our railways. Our freight and passenger railway systems form an important link connecting communities, as well as linking together other modes we want to form part of the network. We call for enhanced improvements and expansion of our commuter and inter-city passenger railway services¹⁸¹⁹ and reforms to our freight systems to ensure a complementary relationship in terms of scheduling and worker safety. This includes the expansion of rural routes, development of rapid transit networks, and a comprehensive assessment of repair and reconstruction needs.

¹⁶ “Public transport everywhere with a national timetable,” Lynn Sloman and Jonathan Tyler, <https://transportforqualityoflife.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/190607-a-nationwide-public-transport-timetable.pdf>

¹⁷ “Watching the Swiss: A network approach to rural and exurban public transport,” Tim Petersen, 2016, <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0967070X16301469>

¹⁸ “Regional Rail,” Transit Matters, 2026, <https://transitmatters.org/regional-rail>

¹⁹ “Trans-Regional Express,” Regional Plan Association, 2018, <https://rpa.org/work/reports/trans-regional-express-t-rex>

Complementary Transit Modes

Our Party believes no one should be forced to choose one form of transportation over another, but that all form an equal part of the system we want. The goal is to meet people where they are and ensure they remain connected to their communities and throughout the Northeast as a whole. For example, in very rural areas, the Essential Air Service program could be enhanced to provide fast transit options and improved to include environmentally-friendly technology. Where transit options are currently limited, access may be enhanced through locally provided door to door services²⁰ and even improved pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure. Overall, our Party believes in a Northeast where transportation is not a competition between prioritizing certain modes over others but as a holistic and comprehensive network of arteries that advance sustainable development of our communities, environment, and infrastructure.

Technology

Research and Funding

Developing technology that achieves our goals for sustainable resource use at all levels, as well as programs and policies that ensure we realize the society our Party wants, requires a considerable amount of research to plan and put into practice. Creating the environment and infrastructure for research into beneficial, sustainable, and ethical uses of technology, and new technological advances, is of utmost importance. We advocate for subsidizing a public system of civilian research that seeks to place technology at the service to society. We will look to provide grants to state agencies and non-profit organizations that seek to conduct research and develop products that will be given over to the public domain upon completion. Our Party will advocate for redirecting funding from the military-industrial complex and predatory private business towards research for the benefit of all citizens rather than unsustainable uses that cause worldwide harm.

Space Exploration

In 1961, the first human being went to space. While we have made progress in the realm of space technology since that time, we have not put those advances to good or practical use in many decades. Our Party advocates for increasing funding for further scientific exploration of our solar system and what lies beyond, and generally supports efforts to sustainably manage the resources of other celestial bodies within our solar system. We support the demilitarization and strictly peaceful use of space as part of our commitment to seeing outer space as the common legacy of the whole of humanity.

²⁰ "Flex Service," RIPTA, 2026, <https://ripta.com/flex>

Automation Tax

In order to account for the income tax that is lost every year to jobs replaced by AI and other automation processes, we support enacting an automation tax. This is a tax that would be levied against employers to make up for the amount of income tax lost in the aforementioned way to ensure that the government can continue to provide for its residents even after jobs are lost to a changing economy. Our Party will not tolerate technological advancement which reduces the dignity and labor power of the working public.

Corporate Carbon Taxation

Our Party is one that values the earth and our limited natural resources very greatly. We propose enacting a steep carbon tax on businesses and other organizations that disproportionately consume more carbon fuels on an annual basis. This will both protect ourselves from climate change and increase funding to combat the consequences of it.