

Asking Candidates Climate Questions

[Yale Climate Communications](#) polling found that over 70% of New Hampshire residents are concerned about climate change and want to see legislative action to address it. Let's practice raising the issue about climate change in campaign events by asking a simple question about the problem or Carbon Fee and Dividend (aka Carbon Cash-Back).

How to help make climate a top-level campaign issue in the 2024 election cycle.

The vast majority of the voting public cares about climate change. Let's ask all the candidates climate questions so voters are informed about what they are getting!

Please consider attending a few town hall or meet-the-candidate events, and bring a non-confrontational climate question to ask. At informal events, just walk up, introduce yourself, and ask your question. In a town hall format, when the moderator starts the Q&A session, try to get called on early if there's a big crowd.

Every few weeks, [check here for upcoming campaign opportunities](#) (make a calendar reminder).

Example questions:

- "We are seeing growing impacts and costs of climate change in our air quality and local damage from stronger storms. If elected, how will you work with members across the aisle to address the pollution that is causing it at the scale required?"
- Or: "I'm concerned about climate change. The US and many other countries have committed to a goal of reducing climate pollution by 50% by 2030. What is your position on that goal, and if elected, what will you do to achieve it?"
- Or: "I'm concerned about climate change. What is your position on what to do about it?"
- Or: "What is your position on Carbon Cash-Back with a CBAM?" If they don't know about it, "Most people think it should not be free to pollute. Carbon Cash-Back charges fossil fuel producers for their climate pollution, returns the money to all American households, makes US businesses more competitive by charging free polluters in trade, thus holding other countries accountable for their pollution. May I share some material about it with you?". Bring a copy of the Carbon Fee and Dividend laser talk, Economists' Statement on Carbon Dividends, Household Impact Study Summary, and Carbon Pricing is Inevitable article (PDFs at bit.ly/cfdresources) to share. Or ask for an email address and send the link and list of suggested documents after the event.
- Or: "How concerned are you about the local impacts in New Hampshire of climate change? More flooding and droughts affecting towns and people's wells, and the maple syrup, ski. and other industries are being affected. How will you help local towns deal with these problems?"