

## Chicago Greens

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## H.R.598 - Earth Act to Stop Climate Pollution by 2030

Sponsor: Rep. Espaillat, Adriano [D-NY-13] (Introduced 01/27/2023)

Committees: House - Agriculture; Ways and Means; Energy and Commerce

https://earthbill.org/

The Earth Bill is designed to stop our greenhouse gas (GHG) pollution quickly enough to preclude global warming at 1.5 degrees by 2030, created in a transparent and inclusive process with high-level partners covering over 20 energy and environmental sectors, and reflects the expert opinion of over 150 key coalitions.

Electric companies will buy 100% renewable energy Supported by over 650 activists and 100 environmental organizations nationwide

## Eco-Group Seeks Passage in this Congress of an "Earth Bill" to Counter Climate Change

The Chicago Greens are contacting members of the Illinois delegation to the new 118<sup>th</sup> Congress to become co-sponsors and vote for passage of a sweeping "Earth Bill" (https://earthbill.org) intended to counter climate change. The measure was put together by a nationwide network of expert volunteers and organizations to arrive at a scientifically-based, federal legislative solution to effect changes now before it is too late. A target date of 2030 for implementation the environmentalists maintain is necessary because any additional pollution this decade will take the planet beyond the 1.5°C into tipping point scenarios that will destabilize the entire planet.

President Biden's historic infrastructure bill is not held to be sufficient in scope to stop the pollution of the planet causing the demise. The environmentalist say that he proposed spending programs don't stop pollution, rather they encourage clean sources, but not on any timeline.

Regarding opposition to passage, Charles Paidock, Secretary of the Chicago Greens, states that "The companies that profit off of fossil fuels, factory farming and chemicals have absolute power in Congress and globally. If we are to win this battle, we will have to retake our government for the people and planet. We've run out of time to kick this further down the road for political reasons."

The Earth Bill requires industry-led transitions to 100% renewable energy by utilities, zero-emission vehicle production from car manufacturers, and regenerative agriculture by public-traded agriculture and livestock corporations. It also requires humane treatment of farm animals.

Additional areas that have been identified for change in policy include electricity, greenhouse gases, farm, food and agriculture, land, water and forests, materials, waste and recycling, buildings, transportation, just transition, and environmental justice. (https://www.climatecrisispolicy.org)