

Steyer: A Green Economy Is a Win-Win Economy

His Justice-Centered Climate Plan will put impacted communities first in solving our climate crisis and create millions of well-paying jobs in the process.

(Newton, IA, Jan. 5) Today Democratic presidential candidate Tom Steyer will be holding an event in Newton, Iowa to close out his “People Over Profits” Bus Tour. Iowa has led the nation in proving that you can revitalize communities with green infrastructure, and Steyer has been working alongside Iowa’s climate leaders to do this for years. Newton is the perfect example of a community that has been hit hard by an economy that extracts value from people without investing in long-term growth. Newton lost its largest employer, Maytag, in 2007, leaving many unemployed. But Newton also shows how growth is possible in a regenerative economy: TPI Composites, a manufacturer of wind turbines, moved in creating over a thousand well-paying jobs. 34% of Iowa’s energy comes from wind, showing that renewable fuels are sustainable for the planet and for local economies.

Steyer’s climate plan would create 4.6 million long-term well-paying jobs. We need to rebuild our country to both deal with the impacts of climate change and prevent further damage to our planet. We can meet this challenge head on, and in doing so can create prosperity across communities. Iowans know that Tom Steyer is the strongest in the field on climate. He has a decade-long track record of successfully organizing to take on Big Oil, advocating for clean energy, and mobilizing a generation of climate voters through NextGen. Climate voters in Iowa said this about Tom Steyer:

“Tom has been working on combating climate change long before he even considered running for president. He knows what’s right and acts on it.” –*John Cook, Carroll, Iowa*

“I support Tom Steyer because he has been fighting climate change for so many years and understands the urgency of the problem. He’s making climate change his number one issue.” –*Larry Deane Kelly, Boone, Iowa*

“Working with NextGen, I know that a sustainable future is a top priority. I know Tom will deliver.” –*Tabitha Hansen, Ankeny, IA*

We know that we have to act urgently on climate, and that’s going to take leadership dedicated to acting on day one. Steyer’s ability to combine his decades of business experience and his experience successfully organizing on climate, makes him uniquely positioned to help rebuild the country to create a green economy that saves our planet and creates well paying jobs is a win-win economy.

Press interested in interviews on Tom’s climate plans and leadership should reach out to leah.haberman@tomsteyer.com