

ACCF Climate Principles

ACCF agrees with the findings of the IPCC that climate change is occurring and is due – in part – to human influence. ACCF believes that government policies should be transparent and enable capital investment needed to develop affordable, reliable and sustainable energy to consumers. We recognize that addressing the challenge of climate change is critical and must be balanced with the need for energy to maintain global economic growth. As such, ACCF supports the implementation of a well-designed economy-wide price on carbon to reduce greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs).

The following principles will guide ACCF's evaluation of policy proposals addressing climate change. Climate policies should:

- Protect and enhance the economic growth that will be critical to fund the investment needed to address the climate issue
- Be technology-neutral; markets – not mandates – should determine our energy mix
- Encourage cost-effective emissions reductions from all sectors of the economy
- Encourage investment in research and development needed to reduce GHG emissions and to develop meaningful adaptation technologies
- Ensure transparency with the application of carbon pricing mechanisms to best inform lawmakers, public officials and consumers of the costs of implementing low carbon policies
- Include mechanisms for border adjustments to keep the U.S. on a level playing field with other countries
- Eliminate redundant state/regional/federal policies to ensure cost-effectiveness