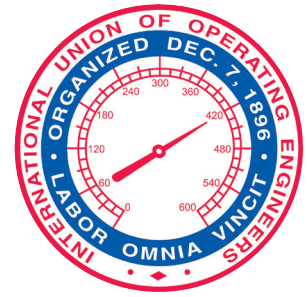




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Carpenters, Laborers, and Operating Engineers Unions Support the Clean Energy for America Act

APRIL 21, 2021 [WASHINGTON, DC] – *The following statement was issued today by James T. Callahan, General President of the International Union of Operating Engineers, Douglas J. McCarron, General President of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, and Terence O’Sullivan, General President of the Laborers’ International Union of North America, regarding the Clean Energy for America Act:*

Carpenters, Laborers and Operating Engineers unions support the Clean Energy for America Act and commend Chairman Ron Wyden’s (D-OR) leadership to overhaul clean energy incentives and modernize the federal tax code for 21st-century infrastructure that will create family-sustaining jobs that pay prevailing wages.

The Clean Energy for America Act would require energy infrastructure projects that receive taxpayer assistance to comply with federal prevailing-wage requirements and utilize apprentices in registered programs on the job site. Connecting clean energy tax credits to strong labor standards will drive economic growth and the clean-energy economy.

The three unions will work to advance the Clean Energy for America Act through the legislative process in the coming months.

General President James T. Callahan said, “Requiring apprentices on these clean energy projects supports the enormous private investment that we make in state-of-the-art training. The IUOE’s facility in Houston complements what local unions and their employers do every day in every corner of the country to deliver the construction industry skilled, safe craftworkers. We appreciate Chairman Wyden’s leadership.”

General President Douglas M. McCarron said, “Passage of the Clean Energy for America Act will create millions of good jobs for American Workers. It is the vehicle to make good on President Biden’s promise to create good, union jobs in renewable energy.”

General President Terry O’Sullivan said, “I want to commend Chairman Wyden for introducing the Clean Energy for America Act. By tying federal tax incentives for clean energy development to family-supporting prevailing wages and other labor standards, this legislation will help ensure that the new green economy does not cheat workers of good pay and benefits and will correct a system that currently rewards an industry with a lackluster track record on good jobs.”

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The International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), Laborers’ International Union of North America (LiUNA!), and the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America (UBC) together represent 1.4 million working women and men across North America in a range of industry sectors and are three of the continent’s largest construction unions.