



## STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Wisconsin Conservative Energy Forum (WISCEF) is a vehicle for individuals, organizations, and businesses to join the conservative conversation about Wisconsin’s energy future. WISCEF believes that an “all of the above” energy policy must be pursued by increasing our state’s commitment to reducing energy waste and developing “Wisconsin-grown” clean energy resources. Leveraging Wisconsin’s transition to clean and renewable energy will stimulate our economy, lower electricity costs, protect our national and grid security, reduce pollution, and improve the public health for all Wisconsinites.

The following are the guiding principles of our organization:

### ECONOMIC

- We believe that a diversified energy portfolio is good for job creation, innovation, and ratepayers’ wallets.
- We believe that the renewable energy industry can, currently does, and will continue to contribute to Wisconsin’s economic growth. In fact, in 2015 the economic impact of clean energy in Wisconsin was nearly \$6 billion, and our state had 2,281 businesses employing more than 24,000 workers in energy efficiency, renewable energy, and related jobs (wienergyjobs.com).
- We also believe that Wisconsin can and should be a national leader in the development of innovative technologies that will revolutionize our country’s energy production.

### NATIONAL & GRID SECURITY

- We believe that affordable, abundant homegrown energy and the efficient use of that energy is the key to our quality of life.
- We believe that a diverse and increasingly renewable energy portfolio is the way to ensure we have abundant and affordable energy for decades to come.
- We believe that domestically produced clean energy will increase our national security by reducing our dependence on foreign oil, which we obtain from countries that are often hostile to our way of life.
- We believe that innovations in energy production can improve our energy grid and protect it from disruptions or attacks.

### CONSERVATION

- We believe to conserve our natural resources, and decrease energy waste through energy efficient technologies, is conservative.
- We believe that we have a duty to be good stewards of our environment.
- We believe in utilizing energy sources like bio-digesters and agriculture/solar farm hybrids that preserve farmland, increase crop yields, and help lower energy costs for America’s Dairyland.

### POLITICAL

- We believe that conservatives have for too long yielded decisions about our energy use and production to others but that conservatives have pragmatic and effective solutions to offer regarding our energy challenges.
- We believe conservatives can champion clean energy policy and grow support for the conservative clean energy movement. A November 2016 poll by the Conservative Energy Network found that an overwhelming majority of voters support the development of clean energy sources like solar, wind, hydro, and bioenergy. Specifically in the Great Lakes region, 86% of voters “support taking action to accelerate the development and use of clean energy in the United States.”

By signing this Statement of Principles, I concur with the above stated values and principles and agree to participate in the Wisconsin Conservative Energy Forum to engage conservatives across the state in this conversation, and influence clean energy policy at the local, state, and national levels.

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