



# VOTE FOR PRO-ENVIRONMENT CANDIDATES ON NOVEMBER 2nd!

## *The stakes are incredibly high in the elections this November.*

The disaster in the Gulf of Mexico shows what can happen when you combine Big Oil's flagrant disregard for environmental laws with Americans' addiction to oil. The U.S. Senate's failure to approve climate change legislation ups the ante for states like Massachusetts and Rhode Island to get real climate action plans in place. Thousands of residents in both states cannot safely drink water from the tap due to crumbling infrastructure and toxics exposure. Failed state and federal laws to regulate toxic chemicals will be re-written this year. Once again, the powerful chemical industry is lobbying so that they don't have to ensure chemicals are safe or inform the public about the hazards of toxic chemicals in consumer products.

Strong leadership in Washington, Boston, and Providence could fix these problems. But big companies, particu-

larly the Big Oil and chemical lobbies, are spending billions of dollars to make sure that doesn't happen. Their agenda is to undermine green initiatives at every level. They want to keep citizens in the dark about the environmental hazards we face in our daily lives. They would have us overlook the hazards that will result from continued dependence on finite, and quickly depleting, natural

resources like oil, so that they may continue to reap record profits.

You can help send a message to these companies and to Washington and our state capitols. Clean Water Action has reviewed the

records and positions of the candidate from all the parties running for office. There are candidates who understand that protecting our environment means protecting people's health and livelihoods. They GET IT... a clean water-clean energy future will create good jobs here in the Northeast and across the U.S. What kind of candidates? Candidates

such as Rhode Island's former U.S. Senator **Lincoln Chafee**, who is willing to stand up to the polluters and actively support initiatives for clean water, air, and energy and is now running for Governor. And **Deval Patrick**, seeking a second term as Governor of Massachusetts.

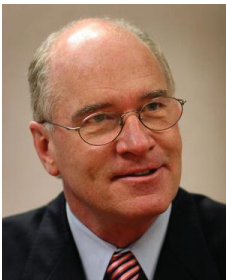
These environmental leaders and others have earned Clean Water Action's endorsement. Many of them are true environmental champions. All of them deserve your support. Clean Water Action is working hard to get them elected, knocking on doors and talking with thousands of voters like you every day.

*Now we need your help. On November 2nd, vote for candidates who will protect our health and help grow new green jobs, who will take the lead in reducing our dependence on foreign oil, creating new clean energy jobs, and making sure that our food, water and household products don't make us sick. Vote for a healthy environment and a greener economy!*



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# VOTE FOR REAL PROGRESS IN CONGRESS...



## ...In Massachusetts:

Clean Water Action has endorsed **Bill Keating** for Congress from Massachusetts' **10th District** (parts of the South Shore, all of Cape Cod and the islands), for the open seat formerly held by retiring Congressman Delahunt. Keating has made strong commitments to clean, renewable power, including Cape Wind. He also supports efforts to protect drinking water, reduce toxics in products and the environment, and take on diesel pollution. Keating has also won endorsements from many labor groups and other environmental organizations.

Clean Water Action has also endorsed reelection bids by **Jim McGovern** in the **3rd Congressional District** (central and southeastern Massachusetts, including Worcester and parts of Bristol, Middlesex and Norfolk Counties) and **Niki Tsongas, 5th Congressional District** (northeastern Massachusetts including Lowell, Lawrence, Haverill and Methuen). Clean Water Action has worked with Rep. McGovern for many years. He stands out as a top national champion for healthy communities and green jobs creation. In her first term in Congress, Rep. Tsongas also established an impressive track record, taking on pollution that harms children's and women's health. Clean Water Action believes that these candidates are the best choice for voters concerned with protecting our health and environment, and both deserve re-election.



## ...In Rhode Island:

Clean Water Action is proud to endorse Providence Mayor **David Cicilline**, in his bid to represent Rhode Island's **1st Congressional District**. As mayor, Cicilline set ambitious goals for environmental sustainability initiatives in Providence, focused on climate adaptation, building the green jobs sector, and protecting natural resources. He also worked with Clean Water Action on several campaigns including a project to clean up the city's entire fleet of diesel vehicles and another to double the city's recycling rate. As a Congressional candidate, Cicilline has committed to addressing the ongoing energy and climate crises by ending our reliance on fossil fuels and developing new, alternative sources of energy at home — including wind, solar, and geothermal energy. Cicilline's track record as an environmental leader and ongoing commitment have earned him Clean Water Action's support.

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## A BRIGHT FUTURE FOR RHODE ISLAND'S CAPITOL CITY

**Angel Taveras for Mayor of Providence.** Former Housing Court Judge and Lawyer Angel Taveras is a strong pro-environment candidate for Mayor of Providence, Rhode Island's capital city. Taveras is currently the only Mayoral candidate to release an environmental plan. The plan includes creating a city-wide composting program, hiring a city energy and sustainability manager, ensuring that the city's property holdings and assets do not create environmental hazards, establishing community gardens in vacant city-owned lots, and establishing a green energy renewable revolving fund to increase investment in green technology. In addition, Taveras has extended his environmental priorities beyond this plan, through his support for community activists' efforts to stop partial lead pipe replacements, which have been linked to increased lead in drinking water. He continues an active interest in meeting with and learning from environmental organizations throughout the city, and will be an accessible, thoughtful, and innovative leader. These qualities make **Angel Taveras** the right candidate for Clean Water Action's endorsement for **Mayor in Providence**.



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*For a full list of endorsements, please see our "clip/print and carry" endorsement list on Page 4.*

# VOTE FOR A GREEN ECONOMY ON NOVEMBER 2nd

The November 2nd election is critically important to Rhode Island's and Massachusetts' environment and economy. Clean Water Action has carefully reviewed the candidates' positions and records and proposed ballot initiatives. Clean Water Action encourages its members to vote on November 2 and to support the endorsed candidates and positions highlighted below.

## Lincoln Chafee for Governor in Rhode Island.

Lincoln Chafee has long established himself as an effective environmental advocate — as Warwick's Mayor, as Rhode Island's U.S. Senator, and now in his campaign for Governor. Chafee served four terms as Mayor of Warwick, from 1993–1999. As Mayor, Chafee implemented a \$130 million dollar sewer extension program to clean up Greenwich Bay, upgraded the city's recycling program, and purchased more than 130 acres of open space in the city. As U.S. Senator, from 1999 — 2006, Chafee voted to tighten mercury regulations on oil & gas power plants, authored the Brownfield's Remediation Act, and served on the Senate Committee on Environment & Public Works, bringing millions of dollars into the state for improved transportation infrastructure. As Governor, former Senator Lincoln Chafee will continue to be a strong advocate for the environment, focusing on bringing sound renewable energy investments in to the state, improving state-wide recycling and solid waste initiatives, and establishing incentives for businesses to internalize sustainability practices. Chafee's environmental successes speak greatly to his abilities, commitment and potential as a pro-environment Governor for Rhode Island, and Clean Water Action is proud to endorse him in this year's Governor's race.



## Deval Patrick for Governor in Massachusetts.

Gov. Deval Patrick has emerged as a national clean energy leader, launching ground-breaking programs that are bringing cleaner air, cleaner energy and a burgeoning clean tech economy to Massachusetts. He has followed through on his commitments to create local jobs in energy efficiency that reduce energy bills and tackle Massachusetts' biggest sources of air pollution. In addition, he has kept his promise to support the development of Cape Wind, and saved the Toxics Use Reduction Institute at UMass Lowell, a world leader in green chemistry innovations. He has supported the Safer Alternatives bill which would replace hazardous chemicals in every day products from children's toys to cosmetics and cleaning products with safer ingredients. And unlike his rivals, he has fully supported the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a bi-partisan regional effort



to tackle global warming pollution and expand energy efficiency programs.

He is the kind of environmental leader Massachusetts needs. Clean Water Action urges its members and Massachusetts voters who care about the environment to **support Gov. Deval Patrick for Re-Election.**

**Massachusetts: No on Question 3.** Clean Water Action opposes passage of Question 3 to roll-back the sales tax to 3%. This measure could slash up to \$2.5 billion for the state budget and dramatically reduce the funding for so-called “discretionary” spending essential to environmental and health protection in the state. Potential cuts include: infrastructure, aid to cities and towns, and, of particular concern to Clean Water Action, environmental programs. Massachusetts has already cut environmental programs and enforcement in the current fiscal crisis — putting community health and safety at risk. The environmental budget for the next fiscal year has been cut approximately \$50 million from 2001 levels, which represents about a 25% reduction. Massachusetts cannot afford further cuts. **Question 3 is too extreme and should be defeated.**

*Clean Water Action has also endorsed many candidates for State Senate and House. Endorsed candidates include incumbents who have been strong state legislative leaders, as well as a number of promising newcomers:*

In **RHODE ISLAND**, returning leaders include **Representative Art Handy** (D18-Cranston), who chairs the House Environment committee and has championed legislation to address climate change and to make manufacturers collect and recycle old computers and televisions, and **Senator Josh Miller** (D28-Warwick/Cranston) who sponsored Rhode Island's first-in-the-nation Clean Construction and several bills on climate change and clean energy. Newcomer candidates for state representative include **Maria Cimini** (D7-Providence), **Chris Blazejewski** (D2-Providence/East Providence), and **Teresa Tanzi** (D34-Narragansett, Peace Dale, Wakefield).

In **MASSACHUSETTS** Clean Water Action's state legislative endorsement priorities include a combination of open seats and races where incumbent environmental allies and leaders have been targeted by for defeat. Returning leaders include **State Representatives Jen Benson** (37th Middlesex), **Matt Patrick** (3rd Barnstable), **Mark Falzone** (9th Essex), Lori Erlich (8th Essex) and **Steve D'Amico** (4th Bristol). Other priority races include **Paul Mark** (2nd Berkshire) a pro-labor and environment candidate and **Katherine Clark** (Middlesex and Essex), a strong environmental ally in her time as a state representative, running for the open Middlesex and Essex State Senate seat.

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# CLEAN WATER ACTION ENDORSEMENTS

## RHODE ISLAND

### Lincoln Chafee for Governor

Lincoln Chafee's impressive track record in the U.S. Senate and earlier as Mayor of Warwick shows that he can lead and get results on clean energy, green jobs, clean water, waste and toxic issues, making him a solid choice to be Rhode Island's next Governor.

### David Cicilline for U.S. House (CD 1)

Providence Mayor David Cicilline has been an innovative leader in green job creation, natural resource protection, diesel pollution prevention and recycling. Clean Water Action is pleased to support him for Rhode Island's District 1 U.S. House seat.

### Angel Tavares for Mayor of Providence

Angel Tavares' thoughtful and comprehensive environmental plan covering everything from energy to community gardens and clean water sets him head and shoulders above all the other candidates in the race for Mayor of Providence.

#### U.S. CONGRESS:

- 1 David Cicilline (D)
- 2 Rep. Jim Langevin (D)

#### GOVERNOR:

Lincoln Chafee (I)

#### MAYOR OF PROVIDENCE:

Angel Taveras (D)

#### STATE SENATE:

- 2 Juan Pichardo (D-Providence)
- 3 Rhoda Perry (D-Providence)
- 11 Charles Levesque (D-Bristol, Portsmouth)
- 12 Lou DiPalma (D-Little Compton, Newport, Middletown, Tiverton)
- 13 Teresa Paiva-Weed (D-Jamestown, Newport)
- 22 John Tassoni Jr. (D-Smithfield, N. Smithfield)
- 28 Joshua Miller (D-Cranston, Warwick)
- 32 David Bates (R-Barrington, Bristol)

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

- 2 Chris Blazejewski (D-East Providence, Providence)
- 3 Edith Ajello (D-Providence)
- 7 Maria Cimini (D-Providence)
- 11 Grace Diaz (D-Providence)
- 12 Joe Almeida (D-Providence)
- 18 Art Handy (D-Cranston)
- 19 Joseph McNamara (D-Cranston, Warwick)
- 20 David Bennett (D-Warwick)
- 22 Frank Ferri (D-Warwick)
- 28 Scott Guthrie (D-Coventry)
- 34 Teresa Tanzi (D-Narragansett, Peace Dale, Wakefield)
- 35 Michael Rice (D-South Kingstown)
- 36 Donna Walsh (D-Charlestown, New Shoreham, South Kingstown, Westerly)
- 46 Jeremiah O'Grady (D-Lincoln, Pawtucket)
- 51 Chris Fierro (D-Woonsocket)
- 69 Ray Gallison (D-Bristol, Portsmouth)
- 70 John Edwards (D-Portsmouth, Tiverton)
- 72 Amy Rice (D-Portsmouth, Middletown, Newport)
- 74 Deb Ruggiero (D-Jamestown, Middletown)

## MASSACHUSETTS

### Deval Patrick for Governor

In his first term as Governor, Deval Patrick launched groundbreaking initiatives that are bringing cleaner air, cleaner energy and a burgeoning clean tech economy to the Commonwealth. He is the kind of leader Massachusetts needs and deserves a second term as Governor.

### Jim McGovern for U.S. House (CD 3)

Since he was first elected in 1996 with Clean Water Action's support, U.S. Rep. Jim McGovern has emerged as a national champion for healthy, safer communities and green job creation. Clean Water Action urges District 3 voters to reelect Jim McGovern.

### Niki Tsongas for U.S. House (CD 5)

In her first term U.S. Rep. Niki Tsongas moved quickly to take action on health-harming toxic exposures that put children and women at risk. Clean Water Action enthusiastically supports her reelection to Congress.

### Bill Keating for U.S. House (CD 10)

Bill Keating's strong commitments on clean, renewable energy, safe drinking water, toxics reduction and environmental health protection make him the best candidate for the 10th District's open U.S. House seat.

### No on Question 3

Question 3 is too extreme, would decimate already lean environmental and health protection programs and should be defeated.

#### U.S. CONGRESS:

James McGovern, 3rd CD  
Nikki Tsongas, 5th CD  
Bill Keating, 10th CD

#### GOVERNOR:

Deval Patrick

#### STATE SENATE:

Harriette Chandler, 1st Worcester  
Sonia Chang-Diaz, 2nd Suffolk  
Katherine Clark, Middlesex & Essex  
Cynthia Creem, 1st Middlesex and Norfolk  
Jamie Eldridge, Middlesex and Worcester  
Susan Fargo, 3rd Middlesex  
Pat Jehlen, 2nd Middlesex  
Karen Spilka, 2nd Middlesex & Norfolk  
Dan Wolf, Cape & Islands

#### STATE REPRESENTATIVE:

Cory Atkins, 14th Middlesex  
Jen Benson, 37th Middlesex  
Will Brownsberger, 24th Middlesex  
Gail Cariddi, 1st Berkshire  
Steven D'Amico, 4th Bristol  
Timothy Dodd, 9th Worcester  
Lori Ehrlich, 8th Essex  
Mark Falzone, 9th Essex  
Jason Lewis, 31st Middlesex  
Paul Mark, 2nd Berkshire  
Stanley Nacewicz, 9th Norfolk  
Ken O'Brien, 1st Worcester  
Matt Patrick, 3rd Barnstable  
Jesse Reich, 1st Middlesex  
Carl Sciortino, 34th Middlesex  
Cleon Turner, 1st Barnstable  
Harriette Chandler, 1st Worcester



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