

REPRESENTATIVE JAY OBERNOLTE

(R-CA 23rd District) since 2023

Primary Date: 3/5/2024

Cook PVI: R+08

Bipartisan Lugar Score -0.96676

(Any score above zero is considered good)



Caucuses: *Member* - [Conservative Climate Caucus](#)

Coalitions: *Member* - [Republican Main Street Partnership](#)

Bills Related to the Reduction of Greenhouse Gases:

Cosponsor - [Growing Climate Solutions Act of 2021](#)

Cosponsor - [Department of Energy Science for the Future Act](#)

Websites: [Campaign Website](#) [House Website](#)

Overview

Rep. Obernolte fiercely prioritizes tackling inflation, protecting the nation's supply chain, and lowering energy prices. Since Rep. Obernolte entered Congress in 2021, he has introduced and co-sponsored over 55 bills relating to these issues. Prior to his Congressional tenure, Rep. Obernolte served California's 33rd Assembly District and was Mayor of Big Bear Lake in California. He held positions on the boards of Big Bear Lake Fire Protection District, Mojave Desert and Mountain Integrated Waste Authority, and the Big Bear City Airport District. Additionally, Rep. Obernolte is the proud owner and technical director of an American video game company, FarSight Studios.

Positions on Energy and Climate

Rep. Obernolte believes that “a market-based, multimodal approach to energy production” will help “bolster innovation and ensure a balanced approach to producing energy while protecting the environment”. A vocal advocate for domestic energy production, Rep. Obernolte stresses the importance of accepting nuclear energy, and promotes an “all of the above” climate approach.

The only Member of Congress with a masters degree in artificial intelligence, Rep. Obernolte is clear on his stance that “technological innovation in the United States is key to ensuring a strong and reliable energy industry”. In the 117th Congress, Rep. Obernolte introduced 6 bills on cybersecurity protecting the nation’s supply chain, 3 of which were passed into law. He has then put forward over 55 bills on climate and energy, most on a bipartisan basis.

Why we support Rep. Jay Obernolte

Appointed to the Energy & Commerce Committee in 2023 and a founding member of the Conservative Climate Caucus, Rep. Obernolte has a strong opportunity to help shape American policy on energy and climate. Coupled with his strong background in engineering and applied science, Rep. Obernolte is a staunch contender for producing bipartisan climate legislation that is sustainable and significant.