

REPRESENTATIVE SEAN CASTEN

(**D-IL 6th District**) since 2019

Primary Date: 3/19/2024

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Bipartisan Lugar Score -1.26766

(Any score above zero is considered good)



Committees:

House Financial Services Committee

- Subcommittee on Capital Markets
- Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Monetary Policy
- Taskforce on Artificial Intelligence

House Science, Space, and Technology Committee

- Subcommittee on Energy
- Subcommittee on Environment
- Subcommittee on Investigation and Oversight

Coalitions:

Member - New Democrat Coalition

Member - Safe Climate Caucus

Co-Chair - New Democrat Coalition's Climate Change Task Force

Bills Related to the Reduction of Greenhouse Gases:

Cosponsor - Growing Climate Solutions Act H.R.2820

Cosponsor - BEST Act H.R.2986

Websites:

Campaign Website

House Website

Overview

Representative Sean Casten, a former clean energy entrepreneur, is one of the most knowledgeable and dedicated climate-focused representatives in the House. He says "I spent 16 years building companies that had a mission to profitably reduce greenhouse gas emissions. That still is my top issue." As a member of the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis, he is a key focal point for climate initiatives in the House.

Positions on Energy and Climate

Rep. Casten has developed expertise across a wide range of topics under the climate umbrella.

By translating this knowledge into policy, he has introduced a number of important climate-focused bills. These include: a bill that focuses on electricity transmission, speeding the transition to a clean and reliable grid; a bill to reduce subsidies to fossil fuel producers; and a bill that increases disclosure requirements regarding risks associated with climate change. These bills highlight his assessment of the importance of climate policy: "We've got to address climate change first and foremost."

Rep. Casten also prioritizes innovation as a key part of the strategy to address climate change. He was one of the two authors in the House for the Better Energy Storage Technology Act - which passed through Congress with bipartisan support - which would create a battery energy research and demonstration program. He also introduced, with Representative Tonko, the EV GRID Act to meet the increasing electricity demand of EV charging infrastructure.

Why we support Representative Sean Casten

Rep. Casten is a critical member of the House on any climate-related measure. He has developed both the expertise required to draft effective legislation and the relationships needed to move the bills forward.

His position on the Energy and Environment subcommittees of the House Science, Space, and Technology Committee will put him in an important role as climate bills are introduced into the House. Our support for him in his purple district helps ensure that he is able to remain in Congress, continue to build expertise, relationships, and seniority, and advocate for climate to be a priority in the House regardless of which party is in the majority.