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President Joe Biden Leads on Climate Change
Rep. Greta Neubauer Applauds Today's Executive Orders

MADISON – Today, President Joe Biden signed executive orders taking ambitious, sweeping actions on climate change as part of his administration's goal of achieving a carbon-free power sector by 2035 and net-zero emissions by 2050. These orders include an historic emphasis on environmental justice and conservation of public lands as part of a larger economic recovery plan to create millions of good union jobs in clean energy and infrastructure. Representative Greta Neubauer (D-Racine) issued the following statement in support:

"The climate crisis is an urgent issue that requires immediate action and attention, and President Biden is acting swiftly to meet this challenge. As we work to recover from this pandemic, it is more important than ever to reduce inequities and rebuild our aging national infrastructure by investing in climate solutions. Today's executive orders are a bold beginning to a new U.S. climate response, setting the groundwork so we can begin to mitigate the worst impacts of climate change and invest in sustainable, family-supporting jobs in Wisconsin and across our country."

Today's executive orders:

- Establish a White House interagency council on environmental justice
- Create an office of health and climate equity at the Health and Human Services Department
- Form a separate environmental justice office at the Justice Department
- Direct the federal government to spend 40% of its sustainability investments on disadvantaged communities
- Impose a moratorium on all new federal oil and gas leasing, and orders a review of existing contracts
- Pledge 30x30 (conserving & protecting 30% of the nation's public lands and waters by 2030)
- Direct federal agencies to factor climate change into a wide range of issues, including procurement, regulations, and legal settlements.

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