



Conservative Climate Foundation – COP26 Briefing

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***See attached appendix for supplemental discussion topic-related articles, UN COP26 background, and COVID-19 information*

***Note: some agenda items, speakers, and attendees may be subject to change*

IMPORTANT: BEFORE YOU GO

- I. Schedule and take PCR test within 72 hours prior to departure
- II. **Submit Passenger Locator Form within 48 hours of departure** (<https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk>)
 - a. Your second day test referral number has been sent to you and resides in your email inbox. If you have not received your testing referral number, or cannot find it, please feel free to reach out to David Frulla (david@rightonclimate.org)
- III. **Check email for letter from UNFCCC for Blue Zone entrance information, please print associated letter and acknowledgement document for admittance into COP26**
- IV. Attire suggestions
 - a. Formal business attire for COP meetings on Saturday and Monday (please wear shoes that are conducive to walking as you will be on your feet for a while)
 - b. Business casual for hotel meetings on Sunday
 - c. Smart and presentable attire for dinners at hotel (no formal or business attire required, but the hotel is rather traditional)

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About COP26

What exactly is COP26?

COP26 stands for the 26th Conference of the Parties, or countries that signed the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The framework agreement was signed by President George H.W. Bush at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil in 1992. The U.S. Senate quickly gave its advice and consent, leading the United States to be the fourth nation to ratify the UNFCCC—the first among industrialized countries.

Activities during COP26 are divided into two areas: the Blue Zone and the Green Zone. Official negotiations take place in the UN-managed Blue Zone. Delegations from 197 Parties and observer organizations will also share information here at panel discussions and side events. The Green Zone is managed by the UK government and is a platform for youth groups, civil society, academia, artists, and businesses to host exhibitions, workshops and talks. In addition, there are hundreds of unofficial “add on” events taking place outside the Conference itself.

A conservative presence

A GOP presence in international climate efforts is nothing new. In fact, President George H.W. Bush helped kick off the United Nations’ climate efforts in 1992, when the Framework Convention on Climate Change was signed. However, 2021 is a high watermark for participation with at least 10 Senate and House members expected across delegations. Staff from key committees in both chambers are attending too.



Conservative Climate Foundation – COP26 Before You Go

Pre-Departure Requirements

- I. Take a COVID-19 PCR test no more than 3 days prior to arrival in UK. Proof of a negative result is required.
 - o You can register for a COVID test at the Capitol Hill Kaiser Permanente Testing Site here (<https://healthy.kaiserpermanente.org/maryland-virginia-washington-dc/health-wellness/coronavirus-information/testing>)
- II. Proof of vaccination status – i.e., CDC Vaccination Card
- III. Proof of residency - i.e., US Passport
- IV. Complete a Passenger Locator Form (PLF) within 72 hours of departure - <https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk>.
 - o Hotel Information:
The Gleneagles Hotel, Auchterarder PH3 1NF, United Kingdom
- V. Fully vaccinated visitors will require a PCR Covid test within 48 hours of arrival in England or Scotland. Additional instructions will be provided upon arrival regarding PCR testing requirements. Testing will be provided upon arrival.
 - o **CCF will be organizing testing on-ground in Scotland.**
- VI. Travelers not fully vaccinated will require to take a subsequent Day 8 PCR Covid test.
- VII. Self-administered Lateral Flow Tests (LFT) will be required each Sunday and Wednesday evenings. The LFT will be provided upon arrival.
- VIII. Avoid travel to or through UK designated RED listed countries in the 10-days prior to arrival. This list regular changes please review information at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/red-list-of-countries-and-territories>
- IX. Abide by the United Nations COVID Code of Conduct

Testing Schedule and Requirements

- Upon arrival we will make a quick stop at the Doubletree by Hilton to pick up a COP 26 official Covid self-testing kit. There are two tests for your initial testing and then daily testing is required.
- For those arriving on Saturday you will have access to showers for refreshing on Saturday morning and light sandwiches will be served.
- For those returning to the USA on November 9th a test on Sunday has been scheduled at Gleneagles.
- For those returning to the USA on November 10th, a test in Edinburgh has been scheduled.
- All others will need to plan to have a test within 72 hours of their return back to the USA.
- **The CCF will be handling all COVID-19 testing logistics in Scotland, please follow instructions from our on-site coordinator.**

UNFCCC COP 26 COVID-19 Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct summarizes the COVID-19 requirements that all Participants must abide by and outlines the additional measures taken to ensure a safe conference. Its provisions also include those travelling in order to attend or facilitate the WLS, Conference or UNFCCC meetings even if not actually joining the WLS, Conference or UNFCCC meetings themselves. Any breaches of this Code of Conduct will be dealt with by the UNFCCC Secretariat individually. Such breaches may lead to a temporary suspension from the event and serious breaches may lead to de-badging. Criminal prosecutions may also be pursued if serious breaches.

COVID mitigation:

- X. Masks are required, except when eating, drinking, or seated.
- XI. Maintain one meter distance between persons
- XII. **EXPECT and PLAN for ‘breakthrough’ COVID cases**, even in fully vaccinated groups – 10-day Quarantine will be required in the United Kingdom.
- XIII. To mitigate risk, consider returning directly to hotel after events, ordering room service and avoiding sightseeing.
- XIV. Guidance requires that travelers to the UK for the COP26 Conference depart the UK as soon as practicable after their participation in the conference is complete.

Illness or Positive Covid result:

- Individuals who are asymptomatic with a positive rapid test must immediately self-isolate in their existing accommodation. A PCR test will need to be conducted and processed through Public Health Scotland. If the PCR is negative the individual is free to return to the event. If the PCR is positive a 10-day quarantine period will be required. Contact tracing will be conducted by Public Health Scotland to identify anyone at risk, and those identified will be asked to self-isolate.
- A PCR test will be required for those individuals who are reporting COVID 19 symptoms. They will have to quarantine until results are available and next steps can be determined.

For additional information below are links to COVID-19 related information for England and Scotland

Guidance for arrivals into Scotland - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): international travel and managed isolation \(quarantine\) - gov.scot \(www.gov.scot\)](#).

Guidance for arrivals into England - [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) testing before you travel to England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Where you must wear a face covering or mask

By law, everyone aged 12 and over must wear a face covering, unless exempt, in most indoor public spaces, including:

- Shops
- public transport services and premises, including bus stops - this includes when sitting down in a hospitality area on a ferry or train (unless eating or drinking)
- taxis and hire vehicles
- bars, cafes, restaurants, nightclubs and takeaways
- hair salons, beauty and nail parlours, tattoo studios and any other indoor close contact service setting
- churches and other places of worship
- crematoriums and funeral parlours
- gyms, leisure centres, swimming pools and indoor fitness studios
- community centres
- conference or exhibition centres
- banks, building societies, registration offices and credit unions
- hotels
- during a driving lesson or test (unless everyone in the vehicle is part of the same household)
- libraries, museums and galleries
- indoor entertainment venues, such as cinemas, bingo halls, comedy clubs, theatres, concert halls, sport stadiums
- indoor leisure facilities, such as casinos, amusement arcades, soft play centres, indoor funfairs, among others
- indoor places where clubs and societies meet
- any indoor, or part of an indoor, public space used for weddings or civil partnership registration and as a polling station or counting votes
- storage and distribution facilities, including collection and drop-off points
- in communal areas and canteens in workplaces (apart from early learning and school settings), this includes tradespeople working in homes, colleges and universities, health care settings, such as dentists, hospitals, and care homes, and any other indoor setting where work is carried out

Check the face covering regulations on the [legislation.gov.uk](https://www.legislation.gov.uk) website for more details.

COVID-19 Self-testing and Reporting

*****CCF will be coordinating COVID-19 testing on-ground in Scotland***

- **Every day** that you need to access the Blue Zone, including to collect your accreditation pass, you will need an email or SMS confirmation of a **negative lateral flow test** you have taken that same day.
- Without SMS, email or ATS confirmation of a negative lateral flow test taken on the same day, you will not be able to access the venue. **There are no exceptions to this rule.**
- Rapid lateral flow tests (LFDs) are simple and quick to use, and must be self-administered and registered in your accommodation daily. [Click here for a step-by-step guide to self-testing and reporting](#). Test before you travel to the SEC.
- Daily [COVID-19 test checks](#) will take place outside the security perimeter, so if you arrive without proof of your test result and registration in the NHS system, you will be asked to leave the queue and return with the proof of registration. **Testing, and registering your result, before travelling** is the safest option, however, there will be staff at the entrance gate who will be able to assist with test registration if you were to arrive without doing so.
- In addition, if you encounter problems self-administering your LFD test in your accommodation there is an Asymptomatic Testing Site (ATS) nearby – address – Nuffield Health, 141 Finnieston St, Glasgow G3 8HB, open 7am-5pm GMT. The staff at the ATS will be able to provide you with a test and assist with registration of tests. You can visit the ATS to collect test kits to self-administer in your accommodation, if they are not provided to your hotel.
- You can also collect LFD tests from the following collection sites (you will need to show your accreditation letter or your badge to collect a kit):
 - The Village Hotel Glasgow, 7 Festival Gate, Glasgow, G51 1DB
 - Radisson RED Glasgow, 25 Tunnel St, Finnieston Quay, Glasgow, G3 8HL
 - DoubleTree by Hilton Glasgow Central, 36 Cambridge St, Glasgow, G2 3HN
 - DoubleTree by Hilton Edinburgh Airport, 100 Eastfield Rd, Ingliston, Edinburgh, EH28 8LL
 - InterContinental Edinburgh The George, 19-21 George Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PB



COP 26 Congressional Trip Agenda

November 5 to 9, 2021

Note: there is potential for delays into COP26 due to security issues, as well as last minute meeting room changes.

Friday, November 5

Various times: Members and staff depart Washington, D.C. en-route to Edinburgh, Scotland

Saturday, November 6

10:15 AM: Transportation to Glasgow (for those already at Gleneagles Hotel)

10:35 AM: Members and staff arrive at Edinburgh Airport to be picked up by coach bus

11:15 AM: Entire group travels to COP26

Will make stop adjacent to airport for those who are just arriving to clean-up, refresh, grab a quick bite to eat, and take COVID-19 test

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton, Edinburgh Airport
100 East Field Rd, Ingliston, Edinburgh, H28 8LL

***Note, please have business attire with walking shoes easily accessible within your luggage*

Orientation and briefing en-route to Glasgow

1:30 – 4:00 PM: Attend COP26 “Nature Day”

***note: specific times and locations to be announced on the ground*

Exploration of COP26 and meetings with various business and international leaders

Conversations with:

Representatives from the Japanese Delegation to COP 26

Kelly Sims-Gallagher, Academic Dean, Tufts Fletcher School and Professor, Environmental and Energy Policy

Dr. Lucas Joppa, Chief Environmental Officer, Microsoft

**we may also meet with the bi-partisan US Senate CODEL @ COP 26 at some point*

Attire: Business (Please wear comfortable walking shoes, we will be on our feet for a bit of time)

Location: COP26

Scottish Events Campus, Exhibition Way, Glasgow G3 8YW

4:15 PM: Group travels back to local accommodations

***Location:* The Gleneagles Hotel, Auchterarder PH3 1NF, United Kingdom**

5:15 PM – 5:30 PM: Arrival and Check-in.

6:00 – 8:30 PM: Reception and Dinner

***Topic:* Welcome event Congressional delegation, staff, and stakeholders to Scotland. Discussion on the rapidly changing state of global nuclear, nuclear's use in fuels.**

Speakers:

Kirsty Gogan, Founder & Managing Director, Terra Praxis

Rich Powell, Co-Chair, Conservative Climate Foundation

Heather Reams, Co-Chair, Conservative Climate Foundation

Location:

Reception in The Assembly Room, Gleneagles Hotel

Dinner in The Billiard Room, Gleneagles Hotel

***Attire:* Business casual**

Sunday, November 7

7:30 – 9:00 AM: Breakfast (Times will be assigned for breakfast, hotel will provide)

Location: The Strathearn Restaurant, Gleneagles Hotel

8:30 AM: Coffee meet & greet

Location: The Billiard Room, The Gleneagles Hotel

9:00 – 10:30 AM: Salon Discussion on Enabling the Global Expansion of Nuclear Energy

Topic: Nuclear energy currently provides around 10% of the world's electricity and nearly a third of the world's low-carbon electricity. New nuclear technologies are also being commercialized today, and they offer a new suite of end uses beyond the electricity sector. International collaboration can accelerate bringing these technologies to market. The discussion will focus on the current U.S. nuclear energy policy landscape, a case study in deploying new technologies, and opportunities for U.S. leadership. DG Sama Bilbao y Leon and Mr. Dan Albas also will share their unique global perspectives on the current and future of the nuclear industry.

Speakers:

Dan Albas, M.P., House of Commons, Parliament of Canada

Sama Bilbao y León, Director General, World Nuclear Association

Nicholas McMurray, Senior Program Director, Nuclear Energy, ClearPath

Jeffrey Merrifield, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman

Dr. Benjamin Reinke, Senior Director, Corporate Strategy, X-Energy

Location: The Billiard Room, The Gleneagles Hotel

Attire: Business casual

10:30 – 10:45 AM: Break

10:45 – 11:45 AM: Carbon Capture and Nature Based Solutions Roundtable

Topic: Briefing by DRAX on a groundbreaking negative emissions technology bioenergy with carbon capture and storage project (BECCS) in North Yorkshire. The project would remove 20-70 million tonnes of CO₂ per year by 2050, delivering 40 percent of the negative emissions the country indicates it needs to reach net-zero by 2050.

Speakers:

Mariano Molina, International Public Affairs Manager, DRAX

Ross McKenzie, Group Director of International Affairs, DRAX

Jason Eberstein, Vice President, Government Relations, Enviva

Niall Mac Dowell, Professor of Future Energy Systems, Imperial College London

Location: The Billiard Room, Gleneagles Hotel

Attire: Business casual

11:45 AM – Noon: Break and COVID-19 testing

****Note:** We will be working with attendees to schedule them to take COVID-19 tests for over lunchtime

Noon – 1:30 PM: Lunch presentation and pre-departure COVID-19 testing

Topic: Presentation to focus on global trends in carbon trade and finance

Speaker: David Banks, GOP Climate Advisor and Sr. Fellow, CRES Forum

Location: The Birnam Brasserie, Gleneagles Hotel

Attire: Business casual

1:30 – 1:45 PM: Break

1:45 – 3:30 PM: Discussion on opportunities for market-friendly climate policy and U.S. leadership.

Topic: Discussion with U.S. Members of Congress and leaders of global and US businesses on policies that can help drive emissions reductions, economic growth, and the U.S. carbon advantage.

Attendees: In addition to the U.S. House of Representatives members and staffers, and invited attendees including American Petroleum Institute, BP, Cargill, Chevron, Energy Storage Systems, Inc., General Electric, Occidental Petroleum, Ørsted, and United Parcel Service.

Location: The Billiard Room, Gleneagles Hotel

Attire: Business casual

4:00 – 5:30 PM: Exploration of cultural landmarks and Scottish culture or take a local area hike on own. (optional)

Location: Details to be provided upon arrival.

Attire: Business casual

6:30 – 9:30 PM: Reception and dinner

Speakers:

Mr. Robert Kump, President & Deputy CEO, Avangrid

Mr. Keith Anderson, CEO, Scottish Power Renewables

With Guests From:

United States House of Representatives; The Business Council on Sustainable Energy; ClearPath; Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES) Forum; Scottish Power; Avangrid

Location: The Ballroom, Gleneagles Hotel

Attire: Smart Dinner Wear (it's Great Britain)

Monday, November 8

7:15 – 8:00 AM: Pick up boxed breakfast at the Gleneagles Hotel

8:00 – 9:00 AM: Transit from hotel to Flexitricity Site Visit, Edinburgh

9:30 – 11:45 AM: Flexitricity site visit and discussion

Topic: Tour and discussion of market-friendly approaches to large-scale clean energy deployment, residential-to-grid energy storage, and demand management. The goal of this site visit is to help contextualize the scale of the economic and industrial opportunity associated with clean energy abundant near the COP.

Speakers:

Angus McIntosh from H100 Fife Project, a world-first hydrogen network that brings renewable hydrogen into homes providing zero-carbon fuel for heating and cooking.

Charles Thompson from ORE Catapult, on the Levenmouth Demonstration Turbine (LDT) and other offshore renewable projects.

Keith Gains from Quinbrook, a low-carbon investment company, currently constructing the first new Synchronous Condenser to be build in the UK, to help stabilize the grid as older baseload coal, gas and nuclear plants are retired and intermittent renewables capacity increase.

Location: Flexitricity, 6th floor, Mainpoint, 102 West Port, Edinburgh, EH3 9DN

Attire: Business

11:45 AM: Attendees walk to lunch location

Noon - 1:45 PM: Lunch

Location: The Castle Arms, 6 Johnston Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2PW, United Kingdom

Angus Robertson MSP, Cabinet Secretary for the Constitution, External Affairs, and Culture will meet the delegation for lunch.

Following lunch, we hope to have a brief time for attendees to walk about the historic castle area.

Attire: Business

1:45 – 3:00 PM: Transit from Edinburgh to COP26

3:00 – 5:30 PM: Attend COP 26, meetings with U.S. negotiators and U.S. companies at the COP26 Blue and Green Zones. (Adaptation, Loss, and Damage Day)

*****note, specific times and locations to be added on the ground*****

Meetings with Representatives of the Taiwan Government in attendance

Meeting with Peter Reinhardt, Co-Founder and Chief Scientist, Charm Industrial

Attire: Business

4:00 PM: Members of Congress only depart COP, staff and others to stay at COP to tour green zone.

4:30 – 5:30 PM: Joint meeting with Members of Congress and U.S Business CEOs

Attendees:

**Members of the Congressional Climate Solutions Caucus CODEL
George Oliver, CEO, Johnson Controls
Scott Kirby, CEO, United Airlines**

Location: Carlton George Hotel, 44 George St.

5:30 PM: Group at Green Zone to depart and transit to Corinthian Club

Member of Congress walk to Corinthian Club (2 blocks away)

6:00 – 7:00 PM: Reception

Location: The Corinthian Club, 191 Ingram Street, Glasgow

Attire: Business

7:00 PM (sharp) – 8:30 PM: Salon Dinner

The salon dinner will be a *moderated Chatham House Rules, strictly off-the-record discussion* to include Members and senior staff from the UK Parliament, the US House of Representatives, international policy and business leaders, and a select few members of the media. The topic of discussion will be related to the UNCOP26 meetings and the importance of embracing and expanding free-market economic freedom around the world for addressing climate change.

Attending groups include:

**C3 Solutions
The Grace Richardson Foundation
ClearPath
CRES Forum**

Location: The Corinthian Club, 191 Ingram St, Glasgow G1 1DA, United Kingdom

Attire: Business

8:30 – 9:30 PM: Return to Gleneagles Hotel

Tuesday, November 9

Various times: Breakfast, hotel check-out

Location: Gleneagles Hotel

Various times: Transit to Edinburgh International Airport

***Attendees will be provided airport transfer information**

Various times: Depart for the United States



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Entrance into COP26

Arriving at the Venue

*****note, the US State Department will be reaching out to credentialed Blue Zone attendees with accreditation documents and other pertinent information within the next few days*****

- Upon reaching the initial security checkpoint, you will need to present your badge and proof of your **negative COVID-19 test** before being allowed entry. After this, you will still need to pass through UN security checks.
- To minimise queuing times at the initial checkpoint, please ensure that you have all the necessary details ready to show to security. You will need:
 - **Accreditation Documents:**
 - The first time you enter, you will need your **UNFCCC letter and your photo ID.**
 - **UNFCCC letter will be sent to your inbox in coming days**
 - Every time after that you will need your badge.
 - **Negative COVID test result from the National Health Service:**
 - You will need email or SMS confirmation of a **negative lateral flow test taken that day.**
 - **CCF will be organizing lateral flow tests for our delegation**
 - To find out more about self-testing and reporting [click here](#).
- Please try to bring as little with you into the venue as possible to make your entry as smooth as possible.
- The UN Department of Safety and Security will make every effort to ensure that those critical to the running of a session (for example speakers, Chairs) will be able to access the venue in time for their session. Attendees in this position should identify themselves to security. Otherwise queues will be managed on a first come first served basis and, in the event that the venue is at capacity, we will manage a “one in one out” policy where necessary.
- From initial arrival into the Blue Zone, and throughout the venue, the site will be fully accessible. Those with accessibility needs will be able to go to the fast track queue at security, and there is also an accessible accreditation desk. Wheelchairs will be stored on site and can be deployed upon request.
- Please try and arrive in good time ahead of the session you wish to attend to allow time to get through security and to get to the location of your session. Remember the Blue Zone is very large and it may take some time to move between locations.
- Particularly at busy times, we ask that attendees are mindful of capacity restrictions at the venue, and only stay in the Blue Zone for as long as is necessary for their role. **The first two days will be very busy, so please only come if you have to.**
- We will communicate to delegates about access to the venue, including at particularly busy times, via the COP26 Platform. Please [register for the platform](#) now if you haven't already.

Further updates will also be shared on the UNFCCC website, UNFCCC app and on the screens in the venue.

- All registered COP Attendees must confirm that they agree to abide by the behaviours outlined within the **COP26 Code of Conduct**, including those specifically related to COVID-19 measures. The usual UN de-badging procedures will apply for serious breaches of the Code of Conduct.

Registering for the Platform

- The COP26 Platform will allow you to see the meeting schedule, update your profile and connect with other attendees before you arrive. It will also allow you to participate in sessions taking place within the Blue Zone, relevant to your badge type.
- We recommend that all registered attendees get COP ready and register for the COP26 platform as soon as possible. If you have your accreditation registration letter, it's very easy to sign-up via our app: <https://unfccc.int/cop26/virtual>
- If you plan to observe, rather than participate in, a session that you would normally be able to access in-person with your badge type, you have the option of observing on the platform rather than in person.



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About our Members

Congressman John Curtis (UT-03)



Congressman John R. Curtis proudly represents Utah's 3rd Congressional District. Since being elected to Congress on November 13, 2017, John has worked on 11 pieces of legislation that were signed into law, ranging in diverse topics such as better managing public lands, combatting human trafficking, supporting small businesses, and more. Additionally, he serves as the inaugural Chairman of the Conservative Climate Caucus and a member of the powerful House Committee on Energy and Commerce. He previously served on the House Natural Resources Committee and Foreign Affairs Committee.

The Congressman cares deeply about hearing the diverse perspectives and feedback from his constituents: he held over 100 town halls during his first full year in office. Utah's third district is the youngest in the country, with an average age of 26 years old. John is also sensitive to the many constituents that live in rural Utah and has focused on legislation that can fit needs of both demographics.

John has been committed to helping Utah's growing tech scene flourish and was recognized by Silicon Slopes as their first Community Hero Award recipient. Other personal awards comprise of Civic Innovator of the Year by Utah Valley University, Thayne Robson Award for Leadership in Economic Development, and Outstanding Citizen Award from the Office of Civic Engagement Leadership by Brigham Young University.

Prior to coming to Washington, John was the 45th mayor of Provo City, serving two terms. He was named the #1 Top Elected Official on Social Media 2015 by the Government Social Media group and has been recognized by Forbes for his commitment to citizen engagement. As mayor, he averaged an approval rating of 93%.

Before becoming mayor, John was a small business owner in Provo, working with his partners to build their business "Action Target," where he led sales and operations strategy.

Congressman Curtis and his wife Sue have six children and twelve grandchildren. He loves to hike and waterski, practice his Mandarin Chinese and maintains a closet full of stately socks.

Congressman Garret Graves (LA-06)



Congressman Garret Graves represents Louisiana's Sixth Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. More than 750,000 people live in the 13 parishes that make up the sixth district, which includes most of Garret's hometown of Baton Rouge, the bulk of the Capital City's suburbs, parts of parishes along both sides of the Mississippi River to the western shores of Lake Pontchartrain and continues south through Thibodaux to Houma.

For the 116th Congress, Garret is the Ranking Member for the House Transportation and Infrastructure Subcommittee on Aviation and is the Ranking Member for the new Select Committee on the Climate Crisis. He also serves on the House Natural Resources.

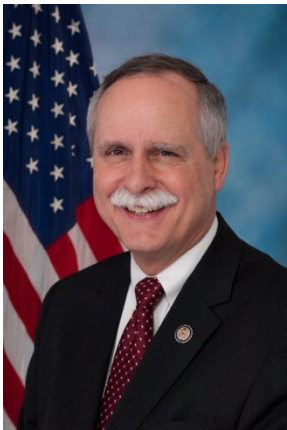
Last Congress, Graves chaired the Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment and was instrumental in the development, passage and enactment of a range of policy wins on rivers, levees, flood protection, coastal issues and Corps of Engineers reforms. He also brought about critical upgrades to federal disaster response and recovery programs, streamlining FEMA operations, creating faster recoveries and helping make communities across the nation more resilient to disaster.

Though he has only been in office a short time, Garret and his team have established a record of advancing Louisiana's priorities through Congress – making a positive difference here at home.

Garret's leadership on transportation, infrastructure, energy, maritime, fisheries, coastal restoration, disaster and other issues critical to our state's economy and way of life are an asset in Congress.

Garret is a native of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where he resides with his wife Carissa and their three children.

Congressman David McKinley (WV-01)



David B. McKinley, P.E. has represented the First District of West Virginia since January 3, 2011.

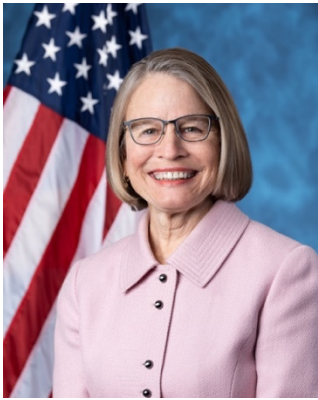
Born in Wheeling in 1947, David attended public schools and worked his way through college, graduating from Purdue University with a degree in Civil Engineering. After graduation, he worked in the construction industry as a certified professional engineer.

David is the founder of McKinley and Associates — an architectural and engineering firm — with offices in Wheeling and Charleston, W.Va. and Washington, PA. Over the 44 years that David ran the business, he created thousands of jobs.

As one of two professional engineers in Congress, he has a seat on the Committee on Energy and Commerce, where he has been active on issues related to the coal industry, environmental regulation, energy efficiency, and health care. He serves as the Ranking Member of the Subcommittee on Environment.

David is married to Mary (née Gerkin) from New Martinsville, West Virginia and they are the proud parents of four children and grandparents of six grandchildren.

Congresswoman Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-02)



Mariannette's father was a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force who was forced to take up extra work, sometimes two or three jobs, to support their family. Her mother, who did not have a high school education, also worked multiple jobs.

Mariannette originally dreamed of becoming a teacher because she loved school and wanted to share her passion for learning with others. However, in 10th grade, she was severely burned in a kitchen fire. While at the hospital, Mariannette was treated by a physical therapist who went out of her way to make sure she got better. This woman's kindness and selflessness inspired her to become a doctor so she could help others.

Mariannette was the fourth of eight children and since her parents did not have the means to pay for college, she left home at 16 and enrolled in community college. She later enlisted in the United States Army at 18, where she served for 24 years as a private, nurse, and doctor (ophthalmologist or eye diseases/surgery.) She went into private practice in Ottumwa in 1997 and she has remained there with her husband, Curt.

Mariannette has two grown children, Jonathon and Taylor. In 2010, Governor Terry Branstad appointed her as the Director of the Iowa Department of Public Health where she served until 2014.

In 2018, the voters of Senate District 41 elected Mariannette to fight for them in the Iowa State Senate. She resigned from the state senate on January 2, 2021 to take her seat in the United States House of Representatives.

Congressman Dan Crenshaw (TX-02)



Originally from the Houston area, Rep. Dan Crenshaw is a proud 6th generation Texan. From an early age, Dan knew that he wanted to serve his country with the most elite fighting force in history: the U.S. Navy SEALs. His father's career in the Texas oil and gas industry moved his family all over the world, including Ecuador and Colombia, where he attended high school. As a result, Dan is fluent in Spanish. In 2006, Dan graduated from Tufts University, where he earned his Naval officer commission through Navy ROTC. Following graduation, he immediately reported to SEAL training in Coronado, CA, where he met his future wife, Tara. After graduating SEAL training, Dan deployed to Fallujah, Iraq to join SEAL Team Three, his first of five deployments overseas.

On Dan's third deployment in 2012, his life changed forever. After six months of combat operations, he was hit by an IED blast during a mission in Helmand province, Afghanistan. He was evacuated and awoke from his medically induced coma learning that his right eye had been destroyed in the blast and his left eye was badly damaged. Dan was completely blind and the doctors did not believe he would ever see again. Tara stood by him every day and night, keeping faith and praying he would see again. After several difficult surgeries and months of fighting a tough diagnosis, Dan eventually regained sight in his left eye, a miracle according to the head surgeon. Dan refused to quit and went on to deploy twice more, first back to the Middle East in 2014 and then South Korea in 2016.

Dan was medically retired in September of 2016 as a Lieutenant Commander after serving ten years in the SEAL Teams. He left service with two Bronze Stars (one with Valor), the Purple Heart, and the Navy Commendation Medal with Valor, among others. Soon after, Dan completed his Master's in Public Administration at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. Dan then returned to Houston, where his community was hit by Hurricane Harvey. The storm brought devastation the region had never seen. He spent his time volunteering in areas of Katy, helping his neighbors recover from the damage. He saw first-hand the unthinkable losses that Texas suffered, but he also saw Texan grit and resilience. This inspired him to do more for his community. Dan and Tara decided that the best way to serve the people of Texas would be in elected office.

In November 2018, Dan was elected to represent the people of Texas's Second Congressional District. In Congress, he serves on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, which has the broadest jurisdiction of any legislative committee in Congress. Dan serves on the Health Subcommittee and the Environment and Climate Change Subcommittee. Dan also serves on the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis.

Dan believes in service before self and understands that there is no higher calling than service to the American people. Although he can no longer fight on the battlefield, the integrity, leadership, vision, and tenacity he learned in the SEAL teams are present every day in his fight for common sense solutions in Congress.

Meet our Speakers

Welcome Lunch

Saturday November 6 (12:45 – 1:45 PM)

Jason Bordoff, Co-Founding Dean, Columbia Climate School



Jason Bordoff is Co-Founding Dean of the Columbia Climate School, Founding Director of the Center on Global Energy Policy, and Professor of Professional Practice in International and Public Relations at Columbia University SIPA. Bordoff joined the Columbia University faculty after serving until January 2013, as Special Assistant to President Barack Obama and Senior Director for Energy and Climate Change on the Staff of the National Security Council, and, prior to that, holding senior policy positions on the White House's National Economic Council and Council on Environmental Quality. One of the world's leading energy and climate policy experts, Bordoff's research and policy interests lie at the intersection of economics, energy, environment, and national security. He has written prolifically about how to address our greatest energy and climate change

challenges and has developed innovative programs and tools to train future leaders to bridge the gap between academic research and policy, focused on delivering research insights in formats and timeframes that are accessible and useful to decision-makers outside of academia.

He serves on the boards of The Nature Conservancy in New York, Winrock International, a leading nonprofit organization that works to empower the disadvantaged, increase economic opportunity, and sustain natural resources, and the New York Energy Forum, a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering public understanding of energy issues. During the Clinton Administration, Bordoff served as an advisor to the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Treasury Department. He was also a consultant with McKinsey & Company, one of the leading global strategy consultancies. Bordoff graduated with honors from Harvard Law School, where he was treasurer and an editor of the Harvard Law Review, and clerked on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. He also holds an MLitt degree from Oxford University, where he studied as a Marshall Scholar, and a BA magna cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Brown University.

Reception and Dinner

Saturday November 6 (6:00 – 8:30 PM)

**Kelly Sims-Gallagher, Academic Dean, Tufts Fletcher School and Professor,
Environmental and Energy Policy**



Kelly Sims Gallagher is Academic Dean and Professor of Energy and Environmental Policy at The Fletcher School. She directs the [Climate Policy Lab](#) and the [Center for International Environment and Resource Policy](#) at Fletcher. She served in the second term of Obama Administration as a Senior Policy Advisor in the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and as Senior China Advisor in the Special Envoy for Climate Change office at the U.S. State Department.

Gallagher is a member of the board of the Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard University, serves on the Board on Energy and Environmental Systems of the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine, and also serves on the board of Energy Foundation China. She is a member of the Council on

Foreign Relations.

Broadly, she focuses on energy innovation and climate policy. She specializes in how policy spurs the development and deployment of cleaner and more efficient energy technologies, domestically and internationally. She is the author of *Titans of the Climate* (The MIT Press 2018), *The Global Diffusion of Clean Energy Technologies: Lessons from China* (MIT Press 2014), *China Shifts Gears: Automakers, Oil, Pollution, and Development* (The MIT Press 2006), and dozens of other articles and book chapters.

Kirsty Gogan, Founder & Managing Director, TerraPraxis



Kirsty Gogan, founder and managing partner of TerraPraxis, is an internationally sought-after advisor to governments, industry, academic networks and NGOs. Kirsty is regularly invited as an expert speaker on science communication, climate change, competitiveness and innovation to high profile events around the world. She has more than 15 years' experience as a senior advisor to Government on climate and energy policy, including 10 Downing St, and the Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. Kirsty is managing partner of LucidCatalyst, a highly specialized international consultancy focused on large-scale, affordable, market-based decarbonization of the global economy. LucidCatalyst was recently commissioned to produce the widely cited Energy Technologies Institute Nuclear Cost Drivers Study, and by ARPA-E to conduct a study on Cost and Performance Requirements for Flexible Advanced Nuclear Plants in Future U.S. Power Markets.

Kirsty chairs the UK Government's Nuclear Innovation Research and Advisory Board (NIRAB) Cost Reduction Working Group. In 2019, NIRAB recommended investment of USD1.3 billion between 2021 and 2025 to boost the progress of innovation, leading to a package of measures designed to support UK net zero goals in 2020.

Heather Reams, Co-Chair, Conservative Climate Foundation



Heather Reams is a Co-Chair of the Conservative Climate Foundation and Executive Director of Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions (CRES), a right-of center non-profit organization based in Washington, D.C. that engages policymakers and the public about responsible, conservative solutions to address our nation's energy, economic, and environmental security while increasing America's competitive edge. She has led the CRES team since 2016 and oversees the core activities of the organization, ensuring the successful expansion of conservative clean energy policies across the nation.

Heather has been Chair of National Clean Energy Week since 2017. She is a Western Caucus Foundation advisory board member and serves on the board of directors for the American Conservative Coalition. She is a frequent commentator on the politics and policy of clean energy and the environment having been featured on MSNBC, NPR, and Newsmax TV, and in The Washington Post, Washington Examiner, Politico, Newsweek, Time, Roll Call, The Hill, Morning Consult, and The Atlantic, among others. She is a regular contributor to Real Clear Energy.

Heather has nearly three decades of experience in public affairs and advocacy and has held a number of senior nonprofit positions. Prior to her non-profit work, she spent a decade at several top D.C.-based public affairs firms. She started her career as a staffer in the offices of Senator Bob Smith (R-NH) and Congressman Gerald Weller (R-IL11), and earlier as an intern for Senator Slade Gorton (R-WA) while pursuing her degree. A graduate of the University of Washington with a degree in Political Science, Heather is active in Republican local and state affairs in her home state of Virginia, where she resides with her husband, a retired Air Force lieutenant colonel, and their two school-aged children.

Rich Powell, Co-Chair, Conservative Climate Foundation



Rich Powell is a Co-Chair of the Conservative Climate Foundation and Executive Director of ClearPath and ClearPath Action, the DC-based organizations advancing policies that accelerate breakthrough innovations to reduce emissions in the energy and industrial sectors.

Rich advises policymakers on investing wisely in energy innovation, removing roadblocks to building and exporting American clean energy and industrial technology, and maintaining and promoting our flexible clean energy resources. He frequently testifies before congress on climate change and energy innovation.

Rich's work has been published in the Wall Street Journal, FoxNews.com, Washington Examiner, The Hill, Morning Consult, RealClear Energy, and a number of regional publications. His views are regularly featured in national publications including the National Review, NPR, Politico, USA Today, Axios, E&E, New York Times, the Washington Post, Forbes, LA Times, Houston Chronicle, MIT Tech Review, Bloomberg, Green Tech Media, Utility Dive, the Guardian, and many others.

Rich served on the Advisory Committee to the Export Import Bank of the United States 2019-2021. He is also on the Atlantic Council's Global Energy Center's Advisory Group. Previously, Rich was with McKinsey & Company in the Energy and Sustainability practices. He focused on corporate clean energy strategy, government low carbon growth strategy, and clean tech market entry.

Salon Breakfast on Enabling the Global Expansion of Nuclear Energy, Sunday, November 7 (9:00 – 10:30 AM)

Jeffrey Merrifield, Partner, Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman



Jeffrey S. Merrifield is a partner with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in Washington, DC. His practice focuses on advanced nuclear reactors, physical security at operating nuclear reactors and counseling to executives and boards of directors.

A former Commissioner of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (1998-2007), legal counsel on the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee and Senior Executive for one of the largest providers of engineering and construction services in the energy industry, Mr. Merrifield is uniquely qualified to advise senior energy managers on regulatory and legislative matters.

Currently, he is the legal advisor to two leading Advanced Reactor developers and as a recognized expert on these issues, Mr. Merrifield was asked to testify on the development of Advanced Reactors before the U.S. Senate and U.S. House in the spring of 2016. Mr. Merrifield is also advising a group of nuclear utilities on addressing the complex issues associated with meeting the physical security requirements imposed by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Finally, Mr. Merrifield is advising a public utility board of directors on a complicated independent investigation regarding allegations made against the senior executives of the company.

Nicholas “Niko” McMurray, Senior Program Director, Nuclear Energy, ClearPath



Niko McMurray is the Senior Program Director for Nuclear Energy at ClearPath. In this role, he develops and advances ClearPath’s policies on nuclear energy as part of the organization’s broader focus on clean energy and industrial innovation. Niko builds and maintains stakeholder relationships across private industry and the federal government to develop these policies. He also produces research insights pertaining to ongoing nuclear energy legislative, regulatory, export, technical, and innovation activities, and educates policymakers on recent nuclear energy initiatives and ClearPath priorities.

Niko serves as a member of the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee (CINTAC). He is also Vice-Chair of the U.S. Nuclear Industry Council’s Advanced Manufacturing, Construction, and Decommissioning Working Group. Niko also represents ClearPath as a member of multiple nuclear energy (both fission and fusion) industry groups.

Prior to joining ClearPath, Niko was a Materials Engineer at the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). While at the NRC, he developed and provided technical guidance on materials, component integrity, and licensing topics for new and advanced nuclear reactors.

Dr. Benjamin Reinke, Senior Director, Corporate Strategy, X-Energy



As Senior Director for Corporate Strategy and Advisor to the CEO, Dr. Reinke leads long-term strategic planning for the company, integrating his work to support key functions ranging from business planning to business development, and strategic partnerships to strategic supplier relations. He also supports X-energy's capital planning, government engagement, and communication of the X-energy corporate impact and product value.

Dr. Reinke is an energy professional with expertise in science and innovation, clean energy technology development, industries of the future, nuclear systems, critical minerals and materials, space science and technology, and the nexus of energy security and national security. His policy development and implementation experience spans both the legislative and executive branches.

Dr. Reinke was previously the Executive Director of the Office of Strategic Planning and Policy of the Department of Energy (DOE). As the senior policy advisor to the Secretary, he spearheaded high-priority energy initiatives and led an interdisciplinary team of experts in crafting long-term, cross-cutting DOE strategies. Prior to DOE, Dr. Reinke served as majority professional staff on the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, where he led departmental oversight and development of law spanning a range of energy issues including technology development, batteries and grid storage, workforce, microgrids and integrated energy systems, nuclear energy, and university R&D. He first joined the ENR team as the 2016 American Nuclear Society Glenn T. Seaborg Congressional Fellow. As the chief architect of legislation and strategies in these roles, Dr. Reinke has worked with researchers and innovators across economic sectors.

Dan Albas, M.P., House of Commons, Parliament of Canada



Dan Albas is the Conservative Member of Parliament for the riding of Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola and Shadow Minister for Environment and Climate Change.

Before entering public life, Dan was the owner of Kick City Martial Arts, responsible for training adults and young people in the mental and physical discipline of the martial arts.

Dan is a firm believer in accountability and is well known for maintaining a 24/7 answering service and frequently returns calls on evening and weekends.

In addition to monitoring his own emails, Dan writes weekly columns to provide citizens with regular updates of his activities in Ottawa and is recognized as one of Canada's top 10 most active Members of Parliament on social media.

Sama Bilbao y León, Director General, World Nuclear Association



Sama Bilbao y León became the Director General of World Nuclear Association in October 2020.

Previously, and since June 2018, she was Head of the Division of Nuclear Technology Development and Economics at the OECD Nuclear Energy Agency. In her role at the NEA, she led a team of analysts responsible for providing Member Countries with authoritative studies in the intersection of technology, innovation and economics in support of their energy policy decision-making. Since January 2020, she was also Head of the Technical Secretariat for the Generation IV International Forum (GIF).

From 2011, she was the Director of Nuclear Engineering Programs and Associate Professor at the Department of Mechanical and Nuclear Engineering at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). She was one of the key individuals involved in the creation and development of this thriving new Nuclear Engineering program. Sama was responsible for the academic and research aspects of the new VCU nuclear engineering program, including student and faculty recruitment, curriculum development, accreditation, funding, research collaborations, industrial partnerships, marketing, outreach, etc. She also taught undergraduate and graduate courses in areas such as thermal-hydraulics, heat transfer, multi-phase flow, nuclear reactor design, energy and environmental policy, economics of electricity production, etc. At VCU, she led an active research group including post-doctoral research associates, PhD, MS and undergraduate students, and was the principal investigator in several research and development, as well as educational grants, totalling about \$4M.

Carbon Removal and Nature Based Solutions Roundtable

Saturday, November 7 (11:00 – 11:45 AM)

Mariano Molina, International Public Affairs Manager, DRAX



Mariano Molina has over five years of experience in consultancy within the public and private sector, providing policy recommendations, political risk assessment and drafting strategies to position organizations. With a focus on evidence-based research, Mariano's expertise includes in-depth analysis and interpretation, designing stakeholder engagement and communication strategies, as well as implementing capacity building programs. Mariano recently gained specialized knowledge on the effects of tech platforms on public policies and the politics around the digital ecosystem.

Mariono is currently working on the international side of energy policy, sustainable bioenergy and carbon capture.

Ross McKenzie, Group Director of International Affairs, DRAX



Ross is Head of Public Affairs for Drax Group. Before joining Drax, Ross worked as a policy adviser in the European Parliament to the current UK Minister for Climate Change, Ian Duncan. As part of Drax's wide portfolio of assets and businesses, Drax operates the UK's largest single site renewable electricity producer and Europe's largest decarbonization project – Drax Power Station. Having upgraded half of the power station from coal to sustainably sourced biomass, in 2018, Drax Power Station generated 6pc of the UK's electricity and 12pc of its renewable electricity. In December 2018, Drax expanded its portfolio to include flexible, renewable and low carbon generating assets from pumped storage, run-of-river hydro and gas. As a result, Drax can supply power to 8.3mn UK homes as well as an increased range of system services such as flexibility and inertia. Furthermore, Drax is trialing world leading carbon capture technology with bioenergy, which if successful could enable Drax to become carbon negative.

Jason Eberstein, Vice President, Government Relations, Enviva



Mr. Eberstein has successfully represented global consumer brands and manufacturing firms before external audiences including nongovernmental organizations, trade and industry associations, and local, state, and federal governments. Eberstein has built actionable relationships and formed coalitions, served as a lobbyist, managed political action committees, guided legislation to passage, and developed policy positions.

Providing internal and external communications counsel Mr. Eberstein has directed communications initiatives, identified priorities, and managed dissemination. Eberstein has regularly participated in public events and prepared senior executives for external engagement.

Serving as part of a large corporation with numerous business lines, Mr. Eberstein a self-starter has worked in both headquarters and satellite locations. Eberstein has managed professionals, consultants, service providers, and reported to officers and senior executives.

With a Masters of Business Administration (MBA) and experience in the energy, financial services, manufacturing, healthcare/pharmaceutical, and restaurant industries Mr. Eberstein is familiar with policy issues and politics, business processes, operations, management, and communicating through complex organizations.

Niall Mac Dowell, Professor of Future Energy Systems Engineering, Imperial College London



Niall is a Professor in Energy Systems Engineering at Imperial College London. He is a Chartered Engineer, a Fellow of both the IChemE and the Royal Society of Chemistry. His research is focused on understanding the transition to a low carbon economy. Since 2010, he has published more than 100 peer-reviewed scientific papers at the molecular, unit operation, integrated process, and system scales in this context. His work has been presented more than 100 times at conferences in the UK, EU, North America, Middle and Far East. A full list of publications can be found [here](#) and he currently serves on the Advisory Board of Joule.

Niall has more than a decade's experience as a consultant to the public and private sectors. He has worked with a range of private sector energy companies, and has provided evidence to members of the Select Committee on Energy and Climate

Change and has given advice to DECC/BEIS, the IEA, the IEAGHG the ETI and the JRC. Niall is a member of Total's Scientific Advisory Board, was also a member of the US National Petroleum Council (NPC) CCUS Roadmap Team. Niall has been a member of the technical working group of the Zero Emissions Platform (ZEP), the Carbon Capture and Storage Association (CCSA) and from 2015 – 2019 served as the Secretary of the IChemE's Energy Centre

Finally, Niall was awarded the Qatar Petroleum Prize for his work on Clean Fossil Fuels in 2010 and the IChemE's Nicklin medal for his work on low carbon energy in 2015.

Lunch Presentation on Global Trends in Energy Development Sunday, November 7 (Noon – 1:30 PM)

David Banks, GOP Climate Advisor and Sr. Fellow, CRES Forum



Dave Banks is an economist, political analyst, and policy advocate, focusing on climate change, energy, and trade. He is a senior fellow at Citizens for Responsible Energy Solutions, serving as an adviser on Republican climate policy and politics. Banks has published peer-reviewed articles, reports, and opinion editorials on a variety of issues, including climate change, civil nuclear power, and energy markets and trade.

As the inaugural CRES Forum Policy Fellow, Banks advises the organization on federal policy, communications, and external stakeholder relationships. The CRES Forum Policy Fellowship was created to feature individuals who have demonstrated expertise in public policy, climate science, and strategic communications for conservative issues.

A native southeast Missourian, Banks was most recently Chief Strategist for the Republican side of the House Select Committee on the Climate Crisis. Previously, he was Executive Vice President at the DC-based American Council on Capital Formation. He was also President Donald Trump's Special Assistant for International Energy and Environment at the National Economic and National Security Councils, Republican deputy staff director of the U.S. Senate Environment & Public Works Committee, Senior Advisor on International Affairs and Climate Change for President George W. Bush, a State Department foreign service officer, and CIA economic analyst.

During his government tenure, Banks received multiple meritorious awards, including the EPA Climate Protection Award for Diplomacy, a Department of State Superior Honor Award for promoting U.S. diplomatic objectives for the environment, and a Commendable Service Award from the Central Intelligence Agency. He holds a JD from George Mason University and a MA in economics and baccalaureate degrees in history, economics, and political science from the University of Missouri at St. Louis.

Reception & Dinner

Sunday, November 7 (6:30 – 9:30 PM)

Robert Kump, President & Deputy CEO, AVANGRID



Robert “Bob” Kump was appointed to the position of Deputy Chief Executive Officer and President of AVANGRID in June 2019. In this role, Bob leads the company’s accelerated growth strategy, ensuring the successful execution of the company’s strategic plan. Previously, Bob served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Avangrid Networks, Inc. where he oversaw AVANGRID’s eight electric and gas utilities serving approximately 3.2 million customers across New York and New England. With more than thirty years of experience in the utility industry, Bob has held a number of executive positions in finance, treasury and investor relations with AVANGRID.

Bob serves on the Advisory Council for Binghamton University Watson School of Engineering, and recently joined the Red Cross Board of Directors in Connecticut. He holds a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Binghamton University and is a Certified Public Accountant in New York State.

Keith Anderson, CEO, ScottishPower



As Chief Executive, Keith Anderson is a member of the Board of Directors and has responsibility for all ScottishPower businesses, the financial performance of the Company and the leadership of ScottishPower internally and externally.

Prior to his appointment as Chief Executive, Keith was CEO of ScottishPower Renewables and led Iberdrola’s international offshore business.

Prior to joining ScottishPower, Keith worked with some major financial institutions including The Royal Bank of Scotland and Standard Life, as well as working as a management consultant with E&Y. Keith is an Honorary Fellow of the Energy Institute and a Visiting Professor of Strathclyde University.



Gift Protocol

Per ethics:

Due to the privately-funded nature of this trip, the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA) allows our delegation to accept gifts that are \$415 or less. That limit is per instance but, aggregated. For example, if a foreign official offers to take a Representative out for a meal and also gives the Congressman a book, then we will add up the value of the meal and the book to see if they are \$415 or less. For tangible gifts that are \$415 or less per instance, the Congressman does not need to report anything.

The FGDA also allows our delegation to accept gifts that are more than \$415 if refusal would cause embarrassment. However, those gifts are not gifts to the Congressman, but rather gifts to the United States. So once the Congressman returns, he would need to turn those gifts over to the Clerk's Office and file the **FGDA report**. If the gift is anything the Congressman would like to retain for official use and display in a public part of his official office, he could also write in to the Ethics Committee for permission to retain the gift. If you are unsure of the value of a gift, the Clerk's Office is available to appraise the item.