



To: The House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection  
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org  
Date: Tuesday, 3/19/19

**In support of HR 179**

Aloha Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger, and Committee members,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii.org supports **HR 179**.

Many people, including legislators, object to climate change action because of its upfront costs. Most if not all of these costs are smaller than the alternative of delaying action, but people are used to thinking short-term.

A discussion of the economic growth potential of investing in green industry initiatives would clarify many short- and long-term costs of dealing with, or putting off, climate change action.

Are Green Industry Initiatives worth it? We need to know.

Please pass HR179 and let's find out.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sherry Pollack  
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org



To: The House Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection  
From: Brodie Lockard, Hawaii State Climate Lead, Organizing for Action  
Date: Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 9:30 am

**In support of HCR 198 / HR 179**

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Dear EEP Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Wildberger, and Committee Members—

Organizing for Action supports HCR 198 / HR 179.

Many people avoid climate change action because of its upfront costs. Most of these actions would cost less sooner than later, but people—including legislators—have difficulty thinking long-term, and justifying any "high" cost to themselves—or their constituents.

A discussion of the economic growth potential of investing in green industry initiatives would put short- and long-term costs of climate change action in perspective.

Legislators and the people they represent need to know whether Green Industry Initiatives are wise investments.

Please pass HR179 to shed light on this important issue.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Brodie Lockard  
Hawaii State Climate Lead, Organizing for Action