



CARBON CAPTURE COALITION

2024 Hill Day

Overview

On Wednesday, May 15, the Carbon Capture Coalition hosted its Second Annual Capitol Hill Day. This has become a signature event for Coalition members to join forces, share pertinent carbon management federal policy updates, and advocate for the Coalition's shared priorities.

Last year, the Coalition released the third iteration of our foundational, consensus-based document, the [2023 Federal Policy Blueprint](#), which included a full slate of near-term policy priorities for Congress and the administration to consider to galvanize the deployment of carbon management technologies. Over the course of this Congress, in correlation with the document's policy recommendations, the Coalition has aided in the bipartisan introduction of the [Carbon Capture Utilization \(CCU\) Parity Act \(S.542/H.R.1262\)](#) to create parity between credit levels for secure geologic storage and carbon reuse applications and worked to introduce a marker bill to address the impact that inflation has had on the federal Section 45Q tax credit since the enactment of the Inflation Reduction Act.

Recognizing 2025 as the next potential opportunity for climate and energy tax policy, the Coalition used its annual Capitol Hill Day to socialize these important tax-based priorities with members of the tax-writing committees and carbon management champions in Congress.

If you attended the 2024 Capitol Hill Day, we would appreciate it if you could [take this short, 5-minute survey](#) to ensure an equally impactful Hill Day event in 2025.

Collateral and Preparatory Materials

Coalition staff developed several pieces of collateral to effectively message Coalition consensus-based recommendations and policy priorities, including but not limited to the CCU Parity Act and inflation indexing for 45Q. Below, you will find links to each of the resources Coalition staff developed to elevate our advocacy efforts. We hope you will continue to use these resources, which can be found on the Coalition's website under the 'resources' tab, as you share Coalition priorities with policymakers on Capitol Hill.

- Carbon Capture Coalition ["About Us" Fact Sheet](#)
- Carbon Capture Coalition [2023 Federal Policy Blueprint](#)
- Carbon Capture Coalition 2023 Federal Policy Blueprint [Policymaker Summary](#)
- [Federal Section 45Q Primer](#)
- Carbon Capture Utilization (CCU) Parity Act (S.542/H.R.1262) [Fact Sheet](#)
- Environmental Benefits of CCU [Fact Sheet](#)
- 45Q Inflation Indexing [Fact Sheet](#)
- CO₂ Pipeline Safety [Fact Sheet](#)
 - Includes Coalition priorities for a PHMSA reauthorization/additional regulation.
- Class VI Injection Well [Fact Sheet](#)
- Carbon Capture Coalition [Guiding Principles for Permitting Reform](#)

In addition to leave-behind materials, Coalition staff developed a series of preparatory materials for Coalition members to use to prepare for meetings with Congressional staff and to aid in guiding discussion.

- Tough Questions [Talking Points](#)
- "Making the Case for the CCU Parity Act" [Talking Points](#)
- "Making the Case for Inflation Adjustment" [Talking Points](#)

Morning Breakfast Event

Ahead of the day's congressional meetings, the Coalition hosted a morning breakfast prep session for members participating in the day's events to meet their group members, review the prepared leave-behind materials, and coordinate on meeting flow.

We were fortunate to be joined by Sens. Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Bill Cassidy (R-LA), the two lead sponsors of the CCU Parity Act in the Senate. The Senators took time to greet Coalition members and answer a handful of relevant and timely questions. A theme in both of their remarks was the importance of bipartisanship and bringing diverse interests together for common cause; they each referenced the critical role organizations like the Carbon Capture Coalition play in ensuring robust climate and energy policy.



(Left) Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA); (Right) Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI)

When asked about the landscape for federal tax policy in the near future, both Senators agreed that the upcoming expiration (end of 2025) of many provisions enacted under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act will likely be the next opportunity for updates to the tax code. Senator Cassidy offered some insight into how the GOP members of the Senate Finance Committee are beginning to organize thoughts and priorities ahead of the 119th Congress in the form of informal working groups, similar to their House GOP Ways and Means counterparts. Senator Whitehouse shared that Senate Finance Committee Democrats had not yet begun that process. Finally, the Senators were prompted to introspect about what types of carbon management policies they see as the most impactful moving forward. Senator Cassidy made reference to his [Foreign Pollution Fee Act](#), which would impose a fee on some emissions-intensive imports, while Senator Whitehouse spoke about his hopes for a carbon price.

Congressional Meetings

Approximately 50 Coalition members and staff, organized into groups that reflected our broad and diverse membership, fanned out across the Capitol complex on May 15 to participate in **30 meetings** with congressional staff on the Coalition's tax-based priorities. These meetings ranged from members of Congress's two tax-writing committees, Senate Finance and House Ways and Means, stalwart champions of carbon management technologies, as well as members of congressional leadership.

Meetings with House Member Offices:

- Rep. Marc Veasey (D-TX)
- Rep. Beth Van Duyne (R-TX)
- Rep. Kelly Armstrong (R-ND)
- Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-IA)
- Rep. Angie Craig (D-MN)
- Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA)
- Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ)
- Rep. Michelle Fishbach (R-MN)
- Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL)

- Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-CA)
- Rep. Carol Miller (R-WV)
- Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)
- Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY)
- Rep. Danny Davis (D-IL)
- Rep. Darrin LaHood (R-IL)
- Rep. Ron Estes (R-KS)
- Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)

Meetings with Senate Member Offices:

- Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
- Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)
- Sen. Joe Manchin (D-WV)
- Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV)
- Sen. James Lankford (R-OK)
- Sen. Bob Casey (D-PA)

- Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)
- Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL)
- Sen. John Barrasso (R-WY)
- Sen. Michael Bennet (D-CO)
- Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)
- Sen. Chuck Schumer (D-NY)



Despite the rainy day, meeting groups fanned out across the Capitol grounds to share Coalition messages!

A hearty thank you to all who participated – we were able to gain valuable insight from these meetings as we work to elevate our tax-based priorities in preparation for the next viable legislative vehicle. Overall, the tenor of the conversations as a whole was positive, as most offices were generally open to our messages. There does still seem to be some reticence from some Republican offices to discuss policies that could be seen as being supportive of Inflation Reduction Act-era policies, but it is clear they are more willing to engage on IRA tax credits they like, and we would count 45Q among those. There is also some concern from Democrats about tinkering with IRA-era policies in the fear that would open the broader package up to further revisions and whole-scale repeals or rewrites. That said, the consensus

among staff in both chambers is that while no tax vehicles are moving this year, 2025 is the next opportunity. As staff begin to eye that timeframe, it has been a bit easier to engage them in tax policy conversations. One caveat we heard from a leadership office is that as 2025 is seen as the target for nearly all near-term tax policy priorities, coming off the back of IRA, it could be a heavier lift for those of us in the climate and energy space. Carbon border adjustment mechanisms and carbon pricing were also common themes brought up by Hill staff over the course of the day. Unsurprisingly, groups also received questions regarding the speed in which EPA has been approving Class VI well and primacy applications and how the Coalition has engaged on the recently finalized EPA power plant rule.

In short, the day was filled with robust discussions on Coalition tax policy priorities and educational conversations with key member offices. Coalition staff have begun follow-up with many of the staff Coalition members engaged with, and we are hopeful we will see great progress on our two tax priorities over the coming weeks and months.

Networking Reception

Following our scheduled slate of meetings with congressional staff, Coalition members and staff wrapped the day with a networking reception in the Rayburn House Office Building. We were fortunate to be joined by two members of the House Representatives, Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX-7) and Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA-1), who both provided short remarks.

Congresswoman Fletcher touched on the importance of bipartisanship in energy policy and bridging the gap between party politics. She also noted that Congress counts on important partnerships with organizations like the Carbon Capture Coalition in the development of next-generation policies. Congresswoman Miller-Meeks, as the newly elected Chair of the House Conservative Climate Caucus, pointed to the dynamics she's seeing within her caucus and the need to make climate policy work in the broader scheme of domestic energy policy.



Left: Representative Lizzie Fletcher (D-TX-7)



Right: Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks (IA-R-01)

We would like to thank the following participating organizations who helped to make the Coalition's 2024 Capitol Hill Day a success:

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Energy Solutions	Holcim	Association	