



Carbon Capture Coalition

2025 Hill Day - Wednesday, March 26

Overview

On Wednesday, March 26, the Carbon Capture Coalition (the Coalition or CCC) hosted its third 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.

In February, the Coalition released the fourth iteration of our foundational, consensus-based document: the [2025 Federal Policy Blueprint](#). The Blueprint includes a full slate of near-term policy priorities for Congress and the administration to catalyze the nationwide deployment of carbon management technologies. **The Blueprint has been a key resource that has informed the Coalition's strategy for engaging in near-term legislative negotiations around budget reconciliation, annual appropriations, and potential permitting packages.** Throughout the remainder of the 119th Congress, in correlation with the policy recommendations included in the Blueprint, the Coalition will continue advocating for priorities such as: protecting and preserving the utility of the 45Q tax credit to American businesses, increasing the value proposition of the federal Section 45Q tax credit, including providing an appropriate inflation adjustment for the tax credit and increasing the base credit value; creating parity between credit levels for secure geologic storage and carbon reuse applications; ensuring the efficient implementation of essential research, development, demonstration, and deployment programs; and policies to ensure the timely and efficient permitting of carbon management projects.

Given the current intense focus paid to budget reconciliation efforts and tax policy broadly, the Coalition used our 2025 Capitol Hill Day to socialize our consensus tax-based priorities with members of the House Ways and Means Committee, Senate Finance Committee, congressional leadership, and key carbon management champions in Congress.

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 top asks for budget reconciliation 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 continue to share Coalition priorities with policymakers on Capitol Hill.

- CCC [Budget Reconciliation Priorities Slide Deck](#)
- CCC [2025 Federal Policy Blueprint](#)
- CCC 2025 Federal Policy Blueprint [Policymaker Summary](#)
- CCC ["About Us" Fact Sheet](#)
- CCC Policy Framework for Carbon Management Deployment [Fact Sheet](#)
- CCC [Federal Section 45Q Primer](#)
- CCC 45Q Inflation Indexing [Fact Sheet](#)
- CCC CO₂ Pipeline Safety [Fact Sheet](#)
- CCC Class VI Injection Well [Fact Sheet](#)
- CCC [Guiding Principles for Permitting](#)
- CCC [Stakeholder Letter on 45Q Preservation](#)

In addition to leave-behind materials, Coalition staff developed the following talking points documents for Coalition members to use to prepare for meetings with congressional staff and to aid in guiding discussion:

- CCC [Budget Reconciliation Priorities Talking Points](#) – **INTERNAL**
- CCC [Tough Questions Talking Points](#) – **INTERNAL**

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. The breakfast event was an opportunity for participants to meet their group members, review the prepared leave-behind materials, and coordinate meeting flow.

We were fortunate to be joined by Sen. Kevin Cramer (R-ND), who has circulated and championed a proposal to modify the 45Q tax credit to ensure nationwide deployment of carbon management technologies across sectors. The Senator took significant time to greet Coalition members and answer a handful of relevant and timely questions related to his proposal. A theme of his remarks was the importance of bipartisanship and bringing diverse interests together for a common cause; he referenced the critical role the Carbon Capture Coalition has played in moving durable energy and environmental policy forward. Additionally, he emphasized the importance of carbon management projects to the economy and detailed his efforts in the Senate to protect and expand the 45Q tax credit. He went on to share that it is absolutely critical for the Coalition to be making the case broadly to Republicans of both the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Finance Committee that 45Q and carbon management align with the president's goals for unleashing American energy. Senator Cramer shared that regardless of how individual lawmakers feel about the science behind our changing climate, it is clear that American voters and consumers are demanding cleaner products and energy sources and we need every tool at our disposal to provide those outputs. Of specific note, Senator Cramer shared that he was going to be meeting with Senate Majority Leader John Thune (R-SD) that same day to discuss his 45Q priorities for inclusion in a budget reconciliation vehicle.



Senator Kevin Cramer (R-ND) provides remarks at the Coalition's 2025 Hill Day breakfast

Congressional Meetings

Approximately 60 Coalition members and staff, organized into seven groups that were reflective of our broad and diverse membership, fanned out across the Capitol complex on March 26 to

participate in **nearly 30 meetings** with congressional staff on the Coalition's tax-based priorities. These meetings included engagement with 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:

- Ways & Means Republican Staff
- Speaker of the House Mike Johnson (R-LA)
- House Majority Leader Steve Scalise (R-LA)
- Rep. David Schweikert (R-AZ)
- Rep. Rudy Yakym (R-IN)
- Rep. Brendan Boyle (D-PA)
- Rep. Ron Estes (R-KS)
- Rep. Adrian Smith (R-NE)
- Rep. Steven Horsford (D-NV)
- Rep. Darin LaHood (R-IL)
- Rep. Claudia Tenney (R-NY)
- Rep. Beth Van Duyne (R-TX)
- Rep. Suzan DelBene (D-WA)
- Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL)
- Rep. Greg Steube (R-FL)
- Rep. Greg Murphy (R-NC)
- Rep. Randy Feenstra (R-IA)

Meeting with Senate Member Offices:

- Senate Finance Committee Chairman Mike Crapo (R-ID)
- Senate Finance Committee Ranking Member Ron Wyden (D-OR)
- Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)
- Sen. Jon Husted (R-OH)
- Sen. Todd Young (R-IN)
- Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
- Sen. Tina Smith (D-MN)
- Sen. Bill Cassidy (R-LA)
- Sen. John Curtis (R-UT)
- Sen. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM)



Group of Coalition members and staff in the Capitol Building

Thank you to all who participated! While congressional staff across the board were tight-lipped in terms of sharing specific intel on efforts around the forthcoming budget reconciliation negotiations, we were able to gain valuable insight from these meetings as we work to preserve the utility of the 45Q tax credit and ensure it remains a key driver of carbon management technologies deployment. In general, the vast majority of interactions were positive, and congressional staff were receptive to the Coalition's message that the value proposition of the 45Q tax credit has significantly declined in the years since the enactment of the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). Members of the House Ways and Means Committee remain optimistic about the prospects of preserving 45Q in its current state, and many offices reiterated to groups that 45Q has significant support from Members of Congress across the House GOP caucus. We also heard that 45Q's long-standing bipartisan support, coupled with the fact that the tax credit has a preexisting history prior to the IRA continues to play in favor of preservation. However, in the case of additional modifications to the credit, House member offices, in particular, continued to cite challenges around the need to identify deficit reductions, making any high-scoring policies difficult to include.

In the case of meetings with leadership offices, the time spent with Speaker Johnson's office was focused significantly on CO₂ storage and safety. Staff shared that they had received 75 calls in the last two weeks from constituents regarding concerns on the safety of CO₂ storage, indicating that engagement with the office is both timely and critical in terms of providing thoughtful discussion and helping direct staff to reputable resources. Coalition staff has since followed up to ensure we remain a resource for the office as they field questions and concerns from constituents. Engagement with House Majority Leader Steve Scalise's office centered on the need for modifications of 45Q to secure abundant energy and drive cleaner domestic production, particularly of LNG. Staff shared that House Republicans have continued to message that American energy is the cleanest in the world, and the forthcoming package will reflect the energy priorities of this administration and the broader Republican platform. Insightful feedback from the office was to continue to message on carbon management's role in American innovation and global leadership as this fits squarely with the administration's priorities.

Meetings with Senate Republicans were again, generally positive on the prospects of preserving the current utility of 45Q. However, Senate staff were **more** inclined to openly discuss the possibilities of additional modifications to the credit, with several offices expressing strong support for the tax credit and the carbon management industry, as a whole. An important piece of intel that emerged from conversations with Senator Bill Cassidy's (R-LA) office was the essential need to ensure that 45Q is included in whatever package moves out of the House. This will enable the Senate to modify the House's language. Without its inclusion, the Senate cannot retroactively include 45Q in its version of the package.

Finally, while the majority of our meetings were focused on Senate and House Republican offices, it continues to be an important piece of our advocacy efforts to keep Democratic congressional champions in the fold on what policies the Coalition is prioritizing in the context of the 119th Congress. Over the course of the day, Democratic offices expressed their appreciation for keeping them updated on our slate of priorities and praised the Coalition's continued bipartisan approach.

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 member offices and are seeing positive indicators that our messaging was well-received. **Your participation was, as always, critical to keeping congressional offices engaged in these discussions.**



Group of Coalition members outside of the Capitol Building

Networking Reception

Following our scheduled slate of meetings with congressional staff, Coalition members and staff wrapped the day with a networking reception at Top of the Hill. We were fortunate to be joined by Rep. Andrew Garbarino (R-NY), who provided short remarks and applauded our continued efforts to ensure that carbon management and 45Q remain a bipartisan priority. Similar to Senator Cramer's remarks at the beginning of the day's events, Congressman Garbarino reiterated the importance of advocacy efforts such as the Coalition's Capitol Hill Day in advancing priorities. The Congressman used his time to discuss critical efforts such as the two member letters he has led regarding the preservation of clean energy tax credits and their collective utility in achieving the nation's energy and environment goals. His remarks touted carbon management's distinct role in providing emissions reductions while securing America's energy security and his overwhelming message was to focus on the work and continue to foster close relationships with members across the political spectrum.



Congressman Andrew Garbarino (R-NY) provides remarks during the Coalition's 2025 Hill Day Networking Reception