



Carbon Capture Impact Capitol Hill Day – 2026

Recap

Background

On Thursday, March 19, 2026, Carbon Capture Impact (Impact) hosted its fourth annual Capitol Hill Day. The Carbon Capture Impact Capitol Hill Day is the signature event for Impact members to join forces, share pertinent carbon management federal policy updates, and advocate for a slate of shared stakeholder priorities.

In 2025, members of the Carbon Capture Coalition, Impact's allied organization, secured the preservation of the industry's foundational policy mechanism, the 45Q tax credit, and celebrated successful efforts to increase credit levels for project developers using CO₂ as a feedstock to manufacture low- and zero-carbon materials in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. With the tax credit preserved, throughout the remainder of the 119th Congress, Impact members have pivoted advocacy efforts toward other high-stakes challenges to commercializing carbon management technologies nationwide, including: the potential absence of the Environmental Protection Agency-administered Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program, federal funding headwinds, the rising costs of project deployment, and permitting hurdles.

With these priorities in mind, Carbon Capture Impact used its 2026 Capitol Hill Day to educate congressional staff on the intricacies between GHGRP and the administration of the 45Q tax credit, the impact federal project terminations and annual funding decreases have had on the burgeoning industry, along with challenging permitting timelines for Class VI wells and the need for an optional federal pathway for siting and constructing interstate CO₂ pipelines. Impact members focused their efforts on member offices of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, the Senate Environmental and Public Works Committee, and the House Energy and Commerce Committee.



Carbon Capture Impact members prepare for a day of meetings on Capitol Hill

Collateral and Preparatory Materials

Impact staff developed several pieces of collateral to effectively message consensus-based recommendations and policy priorities, as well as talking points for members to use to prepare for meetings with congressional staff and to aid in guiding discussion. Below you will find links to each of the resources Impact staff developed to elevate our advocacy efforts. **You can also access all of these documents using our [Member Portal](#), with the password: ccc12345q**

- [Maintaining a Strong American Carbon Management Industry](#) – Slide Deck
- [Carbon Capture Impact 'About Us'](#) – Fact Sheet
- [2025 Federal Policy Blueprint Policymaker Summary](#)
- [Federal Section 45Q Primer](#)
- [State of the American Carbon Management Industry](#) – Fact Sheet
- [Carbon Management Policy Framework](#) – Fact Sheet
- [GHGRP](#) – Fact Sheet
- [GHGRP FAQ](#)
- [CCC Principles for Permitting Reform](#)
- [Maintaining a Strong American Carbon Management Industry](#) – Talking Points
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Morning Breakfast and Preparation

Ahead of the day's congressional meetings, Impact 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 Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV), who has been a critical partner in Carbon Capture Impact's efforts in response to the EPA's potential repeal of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program. Congresswoman Miller is leading a bipartisan House letter to EPA Administrator Zeldin on the inherent tie between the program and the administration of the 45Q tax credit. As a key member of the House Ways and Means Committee, Congresswoman Miller understands the important role the 45Q tax credit plays in building a strong, American carbon management industry. Over the course of her remarks, the Congresswoman took time to share with Impact members why this industry is a pivotal pillar of West Virginia's economy and its role in balancing the increasing need for affordable, reliable energy that drives the American economy with strong environmental stewardship.



Congresswoman Carol Miller provides remarks at Carbon Capture Impact Capitol Hill Day breakfast

We are deeply grateful for the Congresswoman's continued leadership to ensure America remains the leader in developing and deploying these technologies, and look forward to continuing to work with her and her staff to find pragmatic solutions to challenges the industry faces.

Congressional Meetings

More than 50 Impact members and staff, organized into eight groups that reflected our broad and diverse membership, fanned out across the Capitol complex on March 19 to participate in **32 meetings** with congressional staff.

Meetings with House Member Offices:

- Rep. Troy Balderson (R-OH)
- Rep. Kathy Castor (D-FL)
- Rep. Troy Carter (D-LA)
- Rep. Diana DeGette (D-CO)
- Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-MI)
- Rep. Gabe Evans (R-CO)
- Rep. Cleo Fields (D-LA)
- Rep. Julie Fedorchak (R-ND)
- Rep. Craig Goldman (R-TX)
- Rep. Erin Houchin (R-IN)
- Rep. John Joyce (R-PA)
- Rep. Nick Langworthy (R-NY)
- Rep. Mariannette Miller-Meeks (R-IA)
- Rep. Paul Tonko (D-NY)
- Rep. Randy Weber (R-TX)

Meetings with Senate Member Offices:

- Sen. Angela Alsobrooks (D-MD)
- Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-WA)
- Sen. Catherine Cortez-Masto (D-NV)
- Sen. Steve Daines (R-MT)
- Sen. Ruben Gallego (D-AZ)
- Sen. John Hickenlooper (D-CO)
- Sen. Jon Husted (R-OH)
- Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith (R-MS)
- Sen. Angus King (I-ME)
- Sen. Mark Kelly (D-AZ)
- Sen. Jeff Merkley (D-OR)
- Sen. Dave McCormick (R-PA)
- Sen. Alex Padilla (D-CA)
- Sen. Pete Ricketts (R-NE)
- Sen. Jim Risch (R-ID)
- Sen. Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE)
- Sen. Dan Sullivan (R-AK)



Carbon Capture Impact staff with Congresswoman Carol Miller (R-WV)

Thank you to all who participated! While 2025 and 2026 have presented this stakeholder community with some exceptional challenges, this year's event reinforced the notion that this industry has robust, wide-ranging support across Capitol Hill.

In general, the vast majority of interactions were positive, with advocates engaging in conversations across the Hill on topics ranging from carbon management 101 to the intricacies of project financing. Congressional staff were most receptive to messaging around Class VI permitting timeline challenges, the significant impact of project terminations from the Department of Energy on the ability to maintain strong American leadership in the industry, the need to ensure 45Q's value proposition can meet the moment, and the impact a GHGRP repeal would have on the industry writ large.

In a step change from the last two years, congressional staff seemed more open to exploring recommendations for tax credit modifications in the upcoming 120th Congress. Understanding this, a priority for the remainder of 2026 for Impact staff and members will be to discuss potential proposals to bolster 45Q and build momentum for next Congress. Permitting reform discussions, of course, still command much of congressional staff's attention, given the status of negotiations in the Senate. With regard to project permitting, staff members were eager to explore additional ways to strengthen the Class VI program, streamline application reviews, and ensure that project developers receive feedback and guidance in a timely manner. On the topic of EPA's proposed repeal of the Greenhouse Gas Reporting Program, groups found wide-ranging support for finding a solution for the carbon management industry should the program be repealed. We received verbal feedback from several offices indicating that they will do additional touches with EPA to highlight their concerns with the current proposal. Impact staff will be following up with these offices in the coming days to identify how we can further assist in any additional advocacy needs with the agency.



Carbon Capture Impact staff and members gather for a photo in the Senate Hart Office Building atrium



In short, the day was filled with robust discussions ranging from basic education on the carbon management policy ecosystem to more engaging, in-depth discussions focused on policy solutions for some of the industry's biggest near-term challenges. Impact staff have begun follow-up with member offices and are seeing positive indicators that our messaging was well-received.

Thank you again for taking the time to join us for this annual event! Your participation was, as always, critical to keeping congressional offices engaged in these essential discussions.

Networking Reception

Following our scheduled slate of meetings with congressional staff, Impact members, staff, external stakeholders, and congressional staff gathered at the end of the day for a networking reception at Top of the Hill. We were fortunate to be joined by Shawn Waldron, Senior Counsel and Policy Advisor at EPA's Office of Water to provide remarks on the state of federal actions on the Class VI program and state primacy. Shawn and his team oversee the Class VI injection well program, including the review and status determinations of Class VI well and primacy applications.

Shawn's remarks focused on near-term efforts by the Office of Water to provide guidance to the 10 regions that review and make determinations on Class VI well applications, with the goal of demonstrating continuity across the review process. The agency's main objectives are to provide more insight into the process to developers, ensure that application review parameters are consistent across regions, and improve approval timelines without sacrificing rigorous standards and review. Shawn noted that he expects his office to make a more formal announcement on these efforts within the next 4-5 weeks and has also offered to brief Impact members more thoroughly when the information is publicly available. Shawn was also very generous with his time and remained for the entirety of the reception to answer specific questions from members and to provide as much clarity as possible on the actions he expects the agency to take to ensure the Class VI program is robust and reliable.

Thank you for your participation and for making this event such a wonderful success – we could not do it without the support of this incredible membership!



EPA Office of Water Senior Counsel & Policy Advisor, Shawn Waldron, provides remarks at Carbon Capture Impact Capitol Hill Day reception

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