



# National Caucus of Environmental Legislators ABOUT NCEL



## Who We Are

The **National Caucus of Environmental Legislators (NCEL)** is a nonpartisan network of over 1,300 state legislators from all 50 states committed to protecting the environment. NCEL is a professional network, connector, and capacity builder. NCEL is a non-lobbying organization.

## Mission

NCEL empowers a nonpartisan network of legislative champions to protect, conserve, and improve the natural and human environment.

## Why States Matter

States are often referred to as the laboratories of democracy. Many of America's landmark federal laws originated as, or were inspired by, state policies. Empowering state legislators can ensure groundbreaking environmental policies not just for states, but also the nation.



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## How We Work



### Research

Provide facts, resources, and connections to scientific research on current environmental issues.



### Educate

Connect legislators to leading experts and their legislative colleagues to stay informed about environmental issues.



### Convene

Founded by and for state legislators, we bring together legislators within states, regions, and across the country.



### Empower

Foster collaboration across state lines to promote multi-state learning and action.



**“NCEL conferences are some of my favorites because we always talk about actual solutions I can take back to my district.”**



**Fue Lee**

Minnesota State Representative

**“NCEL is the clearinghouse for state legislators working for environmental protection. The states are where the action is and connecting us is invaluable.”**



**Amy Sheldon**

Vermont State Representative



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## NCEL's Menu of Support

### 1. Policy Resources

- Issue area research and policy briefings
- Regularly updated Resource Library containing Fact sheets and Briefing Books
- Policy tracking across all states and territories
- State and federal policy updates
- Monthly newsletters

### 2. Peer Learning & Networking

- National and regional forums
- Working groups on key environmental topics
- State Lead Network
- Peer-to-peer connections with legislators working on similar issues
- Immersive learning tours connecting legislators with on-the-ground environmental solutions
- International learning opportunities

### 3. Strategic Connections & Partnerships

- Access to NCEL's national network of legislators, experts, and organizations
- Cross-sector partnerships with environmental NGOs, academic institutions, and philanthropy
- Federal agency and administrative partnerships

### 4. Communications & Amplification

- Opportunities to elevate your work nationally
- Amplification of your successes across NCEL's platform and network
- Support for messaging environmental policy to your constituents
- Multi-state collaboration to provide formal input on federal proposals impacting communities and the environment

### 5. Capacity Building & Professional Development

- Environmental leadership accelerator programs, such as our Newly Elected Legislator Accelerator
- Recognition and appreciation through NCEL's annual awards program

### Get Involved

To become a member or learn more about how NCEL can support your work, reach out to NCEL's **Network Engagement Manager, Rachelle Sanderson**, at:  
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