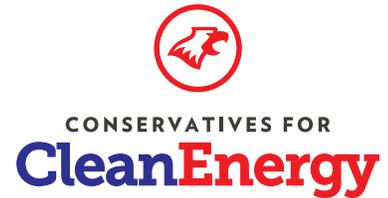


# Chief Deputy House Whip Congressman McHenry honored by Conservatives for Clean Energy



Representatives, staff and clean energy industry leaders from North Carolina and Virginia were in attendance.

Conservatives for Clean Energy has named U.S. Rep. Patrick McHenry its newest “Clean Energy Champion” for his federal leadership in helping to pave the way for rapid growth in the clean energy business sector. The award is a reflection of McHenry’s role in extending the Federal Renewable Energy Tax Credit and of his support for projects such as the Apple solar array in Catawba County. Because of his efforts and those of other respected federal and state policymakers on both sides of the aisle, renewable energy continues to provide new jobs, drive economic development and create steady revenue for all 100 North Carolina counties.

“Clean energy sources are a vital part of America’s diverse energy portfolio. It’s good to see the growth of clean energy jobs and facilities in western North Carolina and nationwide,” McHenry said. “Conservatives should be leading the conversation on innovation, technology, and opportunities for a more robust energy market. It is an honor to accept this award from Conservatives for Clean Energy.”

McHenry has long been a congressional leader on clean energy issues, said Mark Fleming, President and CEO of Conservatives for Clean Energy.

“For more than a decade, Congressman McHenry has championed an approach to energy issues that includes renewables and energy efficiency,” said Fleming, who noted that McHenry’s efforts receive support from citizens and businesses alike. “Renewable energy will not be put back in the barn. Across the political spectrum, Americans support pursuing energy alternatives, and increasingly, corporations have added energy efficiency or sustainability goals to their business models.”

From solar to wind, from biogas to energy efficiency and battery storage, North Carolina boasts an extremely diverse energy economy. With more than 34,000 FTE equivalent jobs and \$6.4 billion in annual revenue and growing, North Carolinians are reaping the benefits of clean energy. As they do, continued business and energy-friendly policies at the federal and state level will play a vital role in attracting investors, business development and driving sustained growth.



Top: CCE Clean Energy Champion, Congressman Patrick McHenry, with CCE's Mark Fleming.  
Bottom Left: Congressman Richard Hudson, CCE's Mark Fleming  
Bottom Right: Congressman David Rouzer with CCE's Mark Fleming