

We can't lose our clean-energy resolve

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Eric Andrus discussed Americans feeling angry because our government ignores the average person, and passes laws serving only the wealthy, thus preventing interclass justice and intergenerational justice. Andrus warned that mistrust of government, cynicism and self-absorption makes our society vulnerable to authoritarians.

Now's not the time for cynicism; it's the time to be stronger.

As an eloquent U.S. president said: "Our union is not yet perfect, but we are getting closer. Our job's easier because somebody already got us through that first mile. Somebody already got us over that bridge. When it feels the road is too hard, when the torch we've been passed feels too heavy, we will remember these early travelers, and draw strength from their example, and hold firmly the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on [the] wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not be faint."

To environmental organizations, this means not despairing or turning to cynicism when Trump denies human-caused climate change.

We've been passed a heavy torch, but we'll carry it because climate change whistle-blowers during Bush's administration got us over that bridge. We'll keep running because every time wind power doubles, costs drop by 19 percent, and every time solar power doubles, costs fall 24 percent (Bloomberg News).

We'll push our state to cut transportation and building sector emissions faster because we must.

We'll insist that Congress price carbon emissions because free pollution is unjust.

We won't stop and we won't grow weary.

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