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**CLEARPATH ACTION FUND PLEDGES \$1 MILLION TO RE-ELECT RYAN COSTELLO**

*Costello effort kicks off broader 2018 campaign highlighting GOP clean energy leaders*

ClearPath Action Fund is kicking off its 2018 cycle by endorsing Rep. Ryan Costello (R-Pa.) and pledging \$1 million to help re-elect him in a swing Southeastern Pennsylvania district.

The effort will begin with a six-figure, targeted TV and digital ad buy this spring to highlight Costello's record advocating policies that expand clean and reliable energy.

"Ryan Costello's clean energy record is no mere window dressing," ClearPath Action Fund Founder Jay Faison said. "He is one of the most committed clean energy champions in Congress and we're proud to make him our first 2018 endorsement."

A [Public Opinion Strategies survey conducted last summer](#) of GOP and swing voters in several districts and states key to the 2018 congressional election showed Republicans considerably gaining after focused messaging on clean energy. That included a 23-point boost in [Costello's 6th congressional district](#) for a generic Republican candidate who espouses pro-clean energy messaging.

"I've almost never seen an issue that flips so many swing voters as clean energy," said lead pollster Gene Ulm. "And it works with the middle and the right. Every voter group in this survey supports clean energy by a wide margin, from Trump voters to soft Democrats."

"Pennsylvania voters are more willing to elect Republicans when they learn that they're clean energy champions," Faison said. "Ryan is the type of Republican this country needs more of in DC, and we plan to ensure that his constituents know his record fighting for clean energy."

Costello has helped spearhead clean energy legislation as a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. He is the lead Republican on the Energy Storage Tax Incentive and Deployment Act of 2017, which would authorize tax credits for energy and battery storage

technologies. These technologies are a vital missing piece in the effort to reliably expand and store power from both constant-running nuclear and intermittent renewable sources.

He is also an original co-sponsor of the Carbon Capture Act, which would expand a crucial tax incentive for technologies that can capture and store carbon emissions from fossil fuel power, and legislation extending funding for the Department of Energy's highly-successful ARPA-E energy innovation effort. He is also a member of the bipartisan House Climate Solutions Caucus that is discussing paths forward to reduce carbon emissions and address climate change.

ClearPath Action Fund will announce activity in additional races this year that will similarly reflect support for Republicans who understand that clean energy is sound policy and politics. In the eight states surveyed by Public Opinion Strategies last June, 77 percent of those who voted for President Trump said they support accelerating clean energy, with 39 percent citing strong support. Nearly 90 percent of independents said they support accelerating clean energy, with more than 60 percent citing strong support.

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