

# BARACK OBAMA ON THE ENVIRONMENT



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## Barack Obama promotes a healthy environment

**Limit the Causes of Global Warming:** Global climate change is the most important environmental issue facing the planet today. Obama supports implementation of a market-based cap-and-trade system to reduce carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050. Obama has also proposed requiring that all transportation fuels sold in the U.S. contain 10 percent less carbon by 2020.

**Decrease Oil Consumption:** Obama brought together supporters and opponents of gas mileage standards to support bold legislation doubling fuel economy standards in 18 years. His plan will save nearly half a trillion gallons of gasoline and 6 billion metric tons of greenhouse gases by 2028. Obama will also encourage U.S. automakers to make hybrid vehicles by helping companies shoulder the health care costs of their retirees.

**Increase Energy Efficiency:** Buildings account for 39 percent of our total energy use and 38 percent of carbon dioxide emissions. As president, Obama will invest in making our buildings and consumer products more energy efficient.

**Grow More American Renewable Fuels:** Obama introduced legislation with Senator Richard Lugar (R-IN) to dramatically increase domestic production, distribution, and use of biofuels.

**Build Healthy Communities:** Obama has been a leader in eliminating lead poisoning from our communities. He has introduced multiple pieces of legislation to reduce mercury and lead poisoning and is committed to identifying and addressing environmental health problems that affect too many of our communities.

**Preserve the Great Lakes:** Obama has been a strong supporter of the Great Lakes Regional Collaboration and co-sponsored the Great Lakes Environmental Restoration Act.

**Protect National Parks and Forests:** Obama supports a true preservation policy for our nation's parks and forests. Obama fought efforts to drill in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and voted to prohibit the use of funds to construct new roads in Alaska's Tongass National Forest.

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