



September 24, 2020

Governor Roy Cooper
PO Box 1190
Raleigh, NC 27602

Dear Governor Cooper:

The Southern Alliance for Clean Energy (SACE) Action Fund is proud to endorse your candidacy for Governor of North Carolina.

This endorsement is based in part on your proven track record and leadership on addressing climate change as Governor, specifically with [Executive order 80](#) which established measurable goals to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions and increase the number of registered, zero-emission vehicles.

We also applaud your support of HB 589 to promote more solar energy and your simultaneous executive order to encourage wind-power development as both are important in shifting North Carolina away from polluting fossil fuel power.

Additionally, we appreciate your effective use of the Volkswagen settlement funds to expand electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in the state, your proposed EV tax credit for EV purchases, and your efforts to identify state vehicles to be replaced with EVs. All of these will help to accelerate the adoption of EVs and thus reduce the use of carbon emitting internal combustion engine vehicles.

Most recently, we were very glad to see your [issuance of Executive Order 142](#) to prevent utility disconnections for nonpayment due to COVID-19 pandemic. This is an important move to help folks already struggling during the pandemic, and maintain access to electricity, which is an essential human need.



These and other actions specifically focused on promoting clean energy have exceeded the following Southern Alliance for Clean Energy Action Fund endorsement criteria:

- Does the candidate have a track record supporting clean energy and climate policies?
- Has the candidate utilized social media or been quoted by the media expressing support for clean energy and climate change policies?
- Does the candidate's website provide a statement in support of clean energy or climate change or list clean energy or climate action policies as a priority?

We wish you well in your campaign and thank you for consistent leadership on behalf of the citizens of North Carolina

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Smith, Executive Director
SACE Action Fund