

## Join the Congressional Sustainable Investment Caucus

In January 2023, Representatives Juan Vargas (D-CA) and Sean Casten (D-IL) launched the Congressional Sustainable Investment Caucus with support from and in partnership with US SIF and other organizations that represent the investors, investment management and advisory firms, asset owners, mutual fund companies, and financial planners and advisors that prioritize sustainable investment.

## The Caucus was formed to:

- Educate members of Congress about the market-driven benefits of sustainable investment and inform policymaking that provides investor protections and market transparency.
- Hold regularly scheduled events, briefings, and discussions with investors, fund managers, companies, and regulators.
- Support the ability of federal agencies to advance proposals, rules and regulations that recognize the importance of utilizing ESG criteria in the investment process.

Since launching, the Caucus has held briefings on the basics of sustainable investing, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) proposed regulation on climate risk disclosure, and investor engagement with corporations through proxy voting. The Caucus has also prepared members for Congressional hearings on sustainable investing issues.

Sustainable investing is a widely adopted strategy, utilized by retail investors and the largest institutional investors alike. The US SIF Foundation's 2022 Report on US Sustainable Investing Trends identified \$8.4 trillion in total US sustainable investment assets at the beginning of 2022, representing 13 percent of the total US assets under professional management.

Interest in sustainable investment has increased dramatically among retail and institutional investors. Eighty-five percent of investors want to consider social issues, climate change, and corporate accountability in their investment choices. Sustainable investment strategies have yielded proven and solid financial returns over time. For instance, corporations that implement sustainability strategies have experienced better financial performance such as more innovation, higher operational efficiency, and better risk management.

Current caucus members include: Emmanuel Cleaver (D-MO), Raul Grijalva (D-CA), Bill Foster (D-IL), Brad Sherman (D-CA), Seth Magaziner (D-RI), Bill Keating (D-MA), Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Stephen Lynch (D-MA), Adam Schiff (D-CA), Wiley Nickel (D-NC), Brittany Pettersen (D-CO), Jared Huffman (D-CA), Mike Quigley (D-IL), Gregory Meeks (D-NY), and Bonnie Watson Coleman (D-NJ).

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**US SIF: The Sustainable Investment Forum** is the leading voice advancing sustainable investing across all asset classes. Its mission is to rapidly shift investment practices toward sustainability, focusing on long-term investment and the generation of positive social and environmental impacts. US SIF members include investment management and advisory firms, mutual fund companies, asset owners, data and research firms, financial planners and advisors, broker-dealers, banks, credit unions, community development financial institutions and non-profit associations.

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