



Sustainable Food Policy Alliance: Climate Policy Principles

The Sustainable Food Policy Alliance (SFPA) believes that food has the potential to be a driving force for social and environmental progress. Food companies like ours, the farmers who grow our ingredients, and consumers who buy our products sit at the cross section of communities most impacted by climate change, which poses an existential threat to all living things. The food and agriculture value chain also holds potential solutions to our share of the global climate challenge.

As leading food companies, SFPA members Danone North America, Mars, Incorporated, Nestlé USA, and Unilever United States are already aggressively implementing solutions to reduce our overall environmental footprints and address the supply chain volatility created by climate change and other natural resource challenges. We recognize the urgency of taking climate action, as made clear in the recent 1.5°C Special Report published by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, which called for global greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to reach net-zero by 2050 to avoid the worst effects of climate change. Propelled by this urgency, we are increasing the energy efficiency of our operations, investing in clean energy and transportation, and partnering with farms to reduce emissions and promote regenerative soil health management.

Our business leaders understand that climate solutions that reduce our GHG footprints are good for creating efficiencies, supporting innovation, and, therefore, improving our underlying businesses. Scalable global solutions will also require action by the biggest single entity of our society: the U.S. federal government.

SFPA strongly encourages the federal government to adopt policies that will significantly reduce GHG emissions across the economy in a manner that places the United States on a path with other nations to adequately address climate change. We support local and state actions taken across the United States and stand ready to partner with the federal government to reduce GHG emissions to a level in line with science-based global goals.

With this in mind, SFPA offers the following climate policy principles:

- **Carbon Pricing System:** Establish an ambitious carbon pricing system that sends a clear signal to the marketplace to reduce economy-wide GHG emissions aligned with the Paris Agreement goal to keep global temperature increase well below 2°C. An appropriate carbon pricing structure should be transparent in how prices are set, equitable in how revenue is appropriated to mitigate costs on the most vulnerable communities, and built to ensure our global competitiveness.



- **Clean Energy Deployment:** Accelerate new and existing policies to reduce carbon pollution and promote innovation at the federal and state levels to develop more sustainable energy sources.
- **Agriculture & Forestry:** Include the land sector, via agriculture and forestry, as part of an incentives-based strategy to reduce emissions and sequester GHGs from the atmosphere to meet global and national targets. Additional strategies should consider how to leverage resources and technical assistance for the myriad of landowners who are already contributing vital solutions.
- **Infrastructure:** Invest in the broad spectrum of infrastructure solutions needed to be more resilient against the impacts of climate change, reduce emissions, and sequester more GHGs from the atmosphere.
- **Promote Equity:** Invest in American workers and in disadvantaged communities that have fewer resources to manage the costs of climate change, including rising energy costs as a result of policy changes.
- **Predictable & Consistent Regulation:** Ensure an economy-wide federal regulatory approach with a suite of complementary policies that work together to reduce domestic emissions.

Climate change is not a partisan challenge, and addressing it will require all people and all sectors of society to engage on solutions that match its magnitude. SFPA stands ready to work with Congress, the Administration, and all stakeholders to find solutions to this shared threat.