THE CLIMATE CRISIS

- Climate change is severely impacting communities across the U.S.
- Increasingly frequent and more severe weather-related events—droughts, floods, wildfires and extreme weather—are threatening our families and economy.

And, as our climate changes, we see impacts to industry.
IMPACTS ON INDUSTRY AND THE ECONOMY

- U.S. spent $136 billion on disaster relief from 2011-2013
- ASCE estimates $3.6 trillion to fix our infrastructure by 2020.
- Inaction leads to increased vulnerability to the impacts of climate change, increased carbon pollution from inefficient systems, and lost opportunity to create good jobs for American workers
The BlueGreen Alliance’s *Repair America* campaign is mobilizing the public to respond to the threat of climate change and prepare our communities for its impacts by putting Americans to work fixing our broken energy, water, natural gas, transportation, and communications systems.
BRIDGING THE CLIMATE AND JOBS FIGHT

Communities must **rebuild** from and **prepare** for the effects of climate change.

Modernize systems and infrastructure to make them more **resilient** to current climate change and more **efficient** to cut pollution driving climate change.

A cleaner, more **efficient** **economy** must be the new normal if we hope to adequately address climate change.

Develop and employ a **skilled workforce** to manufacture, build and maintain those advanced systems.

We can create the 11 million jobs we need by rebuilding our infrastructure.
ENSURING ECONOMIC GROWTH IN A LOW CARBON ECONOMY

To insure economic growth in the transition to a low carbon economy, we should:

• **Focus on climate-smart infrastructure** for efficiency and preparedness.
• **Concentrate on clean energy deployment** as a key sector.
• **Price carbon** to fund economic development and Just Transition
• **Equip workers with the skills needed to compete in a 21st Century economy**
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