

Can you believe it was just five years ago this month that climate activist and bold Congress members launched the first FGND resolution? This month, we join the national celebration of it's renewal with a call for five more years of progress.

In case you missed the news, <u>you can read about the recent FGND press conference</u>, <u>Senator</u> Markey's report, and plans on our website.

The support for intersectional, Green New Deal-style legislation continues to grow in Congress. Innovative bills to create good-paying jobs, address historic injustice, and address the climate crisis have been introduced for sectors throughout the economy, including health care (the Green New Deal for Health), housing (the Green New Deal for Public Housing), schools (the Green New Deal for Public Housing), workforce development (the Civilian Climate Corps for Jobs and Justice Act), agriculture (the Farm System Reform Act), addressing fossil fuels (the End Polluter Welfare Act), and labor (the Protecting the Right to Organize (PRO) Act).

To see the current version of these bills, <u>visit our website</u>; all are linked in the article on the Federal Green New Deal's resurgence.

So this year, let's keep writing, calling, and meeting with our Senators, Congress members, and their staffs to support and fight for these bills. We can also try new ways, with new folks to join us. While we keep the pressure on our electeds, let's try new different tactics to get their attention and action. For example, if our Senators refuse to commit and speak out to declare a climate emergency, stop fossil fuels, and regenerate our food system, we else can we do?

Our Next Meeting

Please join us at our next meeting, <u>next Tuesday</u>, <u>February 20th at noon</u> to propose, consider and choose our options for 2024 As usual we will start with your group reports of recent and future actions as well as our Coalition outreach and steering team reports.

Please reply with questions, suggestions to: <u>admin@southseattleclimate.org</u>. If you cannot make it, please send us your updates, questions, and recommendations for 2024.

About The Coalition

Until then, to find out more about our Coalition's past, plans, and priorities, go to our website. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Beth at admin@southseattleclimate.org

Thank you for reading, speaking up, and persisting in our movements for a green new deal, climate justice and beyond, please keep it up. Please forward this message to your other groups, family and friends who are looking for ways to learn and act.

In Solidarity,

Beth, Bill, Cortney - the Pass the Federal Green New Deal Outreach Team

The first step to solving a crisis is not evaluating the full situation or taking immediate action. That comes later.

The first step is to realize that you are in one. And we are not there yet. Greta Thunberg, The Climate Book, p. 278