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First-Ever Election Resource for Congressional Climate Positions Launches

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San Francisco Bay Area – Just over a month out from Election Day, a tool has been assembled that puts in one place what everyone running for US Congress has said and done on climate change.

"It's time for more clarity going into the election. We all need to know where our legislators stand on climate", said Mike Mielke, co-founder of the ClimateCongress Wikipedia Project (CCWP).

The CCWP, at <u>www.climatecongress.us</u>, is a non-partisan 501c3 climate education project focused on assembling research and adding summaries to Wikipedia on the climate positions and actions of each U.S. Congressional incumbent and challenger. All information is substantive, factual, objective, and fully sourced, per Wikipedia standards.

Citizens and voters will gain an easy-to-use tool that enables a greater focus on climate change in elections and in the actions of Members of Congress.

"A coordinated surge of interest at the last minute from allied climate and environmental organizations could make the climate issue a factor in some 2016 races", said fellow co-founder Felix Kramer.

The CCWP team has already assembled information on the 2016 Senate races and will now reach out to spark crowdsourcing on all 435 House races. After scouring sources the team has distilled its findings into simple summaries that volunteers can draw on for local candidate events and transfer to individual profiles at Wikipedia. CCWP's own wiki at <u>www.climatecongress.info</u>, contains all the backup information.

Among the write-ups already added on Wikipedia are climate change sections for the first time for the two Senate contenders in Georgia.

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Johnny_Isakson
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jim_F._Barksdale

CCWP will work with non-profit groups to share the tool to help inform citizen's decision-making, and so they can ask candidates and incumbents questions about climate change during this and future elections.

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