01 THE CLEO INSTITUTE MORE CLIMATE CRISIS, LESS FLORIDA

REPORT
WHERE WE ARE NOW

We are SOARING into 2024 & our impact is undeniable; all thanks to YOU.

Dear CLEO Supporter,

As we close out the first quarter of 2024, I’m excited to reflect on the remarkable accomplishments of the CLEO Institute team. With your support, we have already successfully blocked a greenwashing bill through the legislative session, called from outdoor worker’s protections from extreme heat at the federal level, and engaged thousands of new change makers - and we still have nine months left! We are so excited to build on our momentum and continue the fight for sustainability and equity through 2024 and beyond. Your support, cheers, and donations will be crucial in driving climate action forward. While there's much work ahead, I know that with a united front, we can change the forecast!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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OUR POLICY IMPACT

This 2024 Legislative Session we successfully killed the worst greenwashing bills filed this year and despite some bad legislation passing, it could have been much worse: SB 480/HB 683.

1,097 People engaged in climate action during the legislative session.

145 Meetings with legislators to discuss climate policy!
Students attended our Reclaiming Florida’s Future (RFF) Lobby Day.

Youth climate activists descend on Florida Capitol to push for environment-friendly legislation

_NBC Miami_

The largest youth activist gathering sets its sights on the Florida Capitol

_**WUSF NPR**_

Youth climate activists come to Tallahassee, calling for ‘immediate and bold action’

_**Florida Phoenix**_

Students attended our Reclaiming Florida’s Future (RFF) Lobby Day.
IN Q1 OF 2024 ALONE WE’VE...

**Hosted**
- 50 Trainings

**Trained**
- 75 Teachers
- 632 Students

**Engaged**
- 1,176 People (Through Events)
- 145 Legislators

**Signed-Up**
- 1,500 Climate Voters

**Reached**
- 50K on Social Media

**Education & Advocacy Impact**

We’ve been making waves throughout Florida. In Miami, Orlando, Tampa, Gainesville, and Tallahassee our impact has been undeniable.
CLIMATE VOTERS ACROSS THE STATE

People who’ve signed up for Climate-Related Election Reminders & Voter Guides

- FSU & FAMU: 437
- USF: 365
- UCF: 318
- MDC, FIU, & UM: 380
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President Joseph Biden
Vice President Kamala Harris
The White House
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March 23rd, 2024

Dear President Biden & Vice President Harris,

As the scorching summer approaches, the danger to Florida’s outdoor workers becomes increasingly urgent. In 2023, the June-July-August season was the warmest on record globally by a large margin. Outdoor workers in the U.S. face up to 35 times the risk of dying from heat exposure compared to the average American. Outdoor workers desperately need the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to formalize rules for exposure to extreme heat.

Heat regulations are not just a matter of comfort; they are a matter of life and death. Exposure to scorching temperatures can cause illness or death. With anthropogenic climate change making higher temperatures more frequent and extreme, the need for a national heat standard for outdoor workers has never been more critical.

This urgency is further underscored by the recent legislation, H.B. 433, passed by Florida’s legislature, which bars local governments from passing policies to address heat to protect outdoor workers on extremely hot days. If Governor DeSantis signs H.B. 433 or allows it to become law without a signature, Florida’s local governments will be preempted from creating heat policies for outdoor workers starting on July 1st, 2024.

The legislation states: “(p) A political subdivision may not establish, mandate, or otherwise require an employer, including an employer contracting to provide goods or services to the political subdivision, to meet or provide heat exposure requirements not otherwise required under state or federal law.”

OSHA is reported to be developing heat rules. Since federal law would override Florida’s heat policy prescription, we appeal to your authority and influence to help push OSHA to quickly issue rules that protect the health and safety of outdoor workers. We urge your administration to pass interim rules or issue an executive order to ensure quick action to protect people’s health, lives, and livelihoods. The lives of many are at stake.

Sincerely,

Yvca Andia-Rocha | Executive Director, The CLEO Institute

Cc: Deanne Criswell, Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency; Brenda Mallory, Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality; Julie A. Su, Acting Secretary of U.S. Department of Labor; Douglas E. Parker, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health; Daniella Levine Cava, Mayor of Miami-Dade County.
GIVING MATTERS

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