

Adam Gray voted for California's Green New Deal, which could lead to as much as \$93 trillion in costs and a mass closure of small farms and dairies in the Valley, killing the jobs we need to pay the bills.

## BACKUP:

Adam Gray voted for California's Green New Deal, which urged Congress to adopt certain aspects of the federal Green New Deal proposed by democratic socialist Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez;

**Editor's Note:** Adam Gray was [endorsed by](#) The California Democratic Party, an organization that supports a Green New Deal.

- **Adam Gray supported California's Green New Deal in the California State Assembly in September of 2019.** (AJR-7 Green New Deal, Y:50 N:15 NVR: 14, Gray Voted Aye, [California Legislative Information](#), 09/03/19)
- **According to the text of the measure, it would "encourage the United State Congress to adopt climate policies, including those that might be adopted under the Green New Deal."** "This measure would encourage the United State Congress to adopt climate policies, including those that might be adopted under the Green New Deal, that build upon California's programs that have reduced greenhouse gas emissions while improving air and water quality, create new green jobs, and improve disadvantaged communities and that just climate actions offer the nation an opportunity to achieve community-minded policies that California has successfully adopted while growing its economy." (AJR-7 Green New Deal, Text, [California Legislative Information](#), 09/04/19)
- **Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is a co-author of the Green New Deal.** "Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., and Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass., think they have a start to a solution. Thursday they are introducing a framework defining what they call a "Green New Deal" – what they foresee as a massive policy package that would remake the U.S. economy and, they hope, eliminate all U.S. carbon emissions." (Danielle Kurtzleben, "Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez Releases Green New Deal Outline," [NPR](#), 2/7/2019)
  - **Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is a Democratic-Socialist.** "In an even more prominent role, Ocasio-Cortez is also scheduled to speak Tuesday at the Democrats' virtual convention, providing an unusual platform for a first-term lawmaker – and self-described democratic socialist – who's often at odds with the party brass. A day later, she's set to address the same audience in a separate video segment." (Zack Budryk and Mike Lillis, "Eyes turn to Ocasio-Cortez as she seeks to boost Biden," [the Hill](#), 8/16/2020)

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- **The Green New Deal is expected to cost as much as \$93 trillion, or over \$600,000 per household.** "The sweeping "Green New Deal" proposed by Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., could cost as much as \$93 trillion, or approximately \$600,000 per household, according to a new study co-authored by the former director of the nonpartisan

Congressional Budget Office.” (Gregg Re, “Green New Deal would cost up to \$93 trillion, or \$600G per household, study says,” [Fox News](#), 2/25/19)

<b>Summary Table (2020-2029)</b>		
<b>Goal</b>	<b>Estimated Cost</b>	<b>Estimated Cost Per Household</b>
Low-carbon Electricity Grid	\$5.4 trillion	\$39,000
Net Zero Emissions Transportation System	\$1.3 trillion to \$2.7 trillion	\$9,000 to \$20,000
Guaranteed Jobs	\$6.8 trillion to \$44.6 trillion	\$49,000 to \$322,000
Universal Health Care	\$36 trillion	\$260,000
Guaranteed Green Housing	\$1.6 trillion to \$4.2 trillion	\$4,000 to \$12,000
Food Security	\$1.5 billion	\$10

(American Action Forum, “[The Green New Deal: Scope, Scale and Implications](#),” 2/25/19)

### **A FAQ released by Rep. Ocasio-Cortez’s office admits that no amount of taxation would be able to pay for the Green New Deal:**

- **Rep. Ocasio-Cortez’s office released a FAQ on the Green New Deal as part of its rollout.** “Ocasio-Cortez’s office sent a copy of the resolution this week as well as an embargoed FAQ sheet about the initiative to various media outlets, including The Hill. NPR published the FAQ sheet, which included provisions about eliminating air travel, guesswork surrounding cows’ flatulence and economic security for those who are “unable or unwilling to work.” (Tal Axelrod, “Ocasio-Cortez forced to clarify Green New Deal details after rollout,” [The Hill](#), 2/9/19)
- **The FAQ admits that even if every billionaire and corporation poured all of their resources into funding the Green New Deal, it still would not be sufficient.** “The level of investment required is massive. Even if every billionaire and company came together and were willing to pour all the resources at their disposal into this investment, the aggregate value of the investments they could make would not be sufficient. (Green New Deal, [Frequently Asked Questions](#), 2/7/19)

### **The FAQ even explains the need to ‘get rid of farting cows’ in order to reach net-zero emissions:**

- **The FAQ explained the need to “get rid of farting cows” in order to reach net-zero emissions.** “We set a goal to get to net-zero, rather than zero emissions, in 10 years because we aren’t sure that we’ll be able to fully get rid of farting cows and airplanes that fast, but we think we can ramp up renewable manufacturing and power production, retrofit every building in America, build the smart grid, overhaul transportation and agriculture, plant lots of trees and restore our ecosystem to get to net-zero.” (Green New Deal, [Frequently Asked Questions](#), 2/7/19)

### **The Green New Deal could “lead to mass closures of small farms” and devastate the dairy industry in the area:**

- **According to economist William Nordhaus, polluters would have to pay \$230 per metric ton of carbon dioxide, which is about \$2,000 per cow.** “Fortunately, environmentalists have provided us with an estimate of just what it should cost polluters to prevent global

warming. Economist William Nordhaus estimated that polluters should have to pay \$230 per metric ton of carbon dioxide (CO2) emissions in order to remain below 2.5 degrees Celsius of warming. This works out to about \$2,000 per year per cow.” (Daniel Turner and Ken Lassman, “What the Green New Deal Could Cost a Typical Household,” [CEL.org](#), 02/26/20)

- **These additional costs could lead to mass closures of small farms in an industry already struggling, according to a study by the Competitive Enterprise Institute and Power The Future.** “Some of this might be borne by consumers, but it is likely that consumers would seek milk alternatives as the price of milk shot up. Indeed, consumers are already moving away from milk at a time of low prices. This could lead to mass closures of small farms in an industry that is already struggling.” (Daniel Turner and Ken Lassman, “What the Green New Deal Could Cost a Typical Household,” [CEL.org](#), 02/26/20)
- **In all agriculture-reliant states, the move towards organic farming would undermine both farmers’ bottom lines and state revenue, according to a study by the Competitive Enterprise Institute and Power The Future.** “The Green New Deal’s harms are not limited to heavy industry, but would represent a tremendous shock to all sectors of Wisconsin’s economy. In all agriculture reliant states, the move toward organic farming would undermine both farmers’ bottom lines and state revenue.” (Daniel Turner and Ken Lassman, “What the Green New Deal Could Cost a Typical Household,” [CEL.org](#), 02/26/20)
- **The latest figures of cows by congressional district are from the USDA’s 2017 Census of Agriculture.**



(AG Census, 2017 Census Of Agriculture, [USDA.gov](#), Accessed 09/14/21)

- **According to the USDA’s latest figures from the 2017 Census of Agriculture, there are 1,250,739 cows in California’s 21<sup>st</sup> Congressional District.**

Texas .....	19	11	1,710,063	5,727
Oklahoma .....	2	12	1,586,271	20,302
Wyoming <sup>1</sup> .....	At Large	13	1,308,867	5,762
California .....	21	14	<b>1,250,739</b>	630
Missouri .....	4	15	1,177,672	14,493
Minnesota .....	7	16	1,077,838	8,184
Iowa .....	1	17	1,073,802	7,444
Nebraska .....	1	18	1,069,217	3,909
Oregon .....	2	19	947,492	5,945
Texas .....	11	20	942,436	12,459

(Cattle and Calves, “Ranking of Congressional Districts by Inventory,” [USDA.gov](#), 2017)

**Editor’s Note:** *The associated additional cost for the 21<sup>st</sup> Congressional District could be: \$2,501,478,000 = \$2,000 \* 1,250,739*