



Impacts of HR 1 on Renewable Energy and Environmental Justice

Panelist Bios

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Drake Starling is NETWORK's (Lobby for Catholic Social Justice) Senior Government Relations Advocate for Energy and Environmental Policy, working for just, inclusive, and effective federal environmental legislation and executive action. His efforts to expand NETWORK's political ministry are done in collaboration with Catholic, interfaith, and secular partners.

In nearly 10 years of work in the environmental and legal sectors, Drake has gained experience at Kearns & West, working on renewable energy transitions throughout the Northeast and the West Coast; and at the World Bank, working on environmental arbitration cases involving national and local governments. He has also worked at Freshfield Bruckhaus Deringer, USAID, and the Piedmont Environmental Council (PEC). In his time at the PEC, he participated in a fellowship focused on creating the next generation of conservation and environmental leaders.

He also worked on Department of the Interior and Department of Energy projects that focused on mining reform, hydropower, and tribal engagement.

Drake holds a B.A in Politics and French from Catholic University and an M.A. in International Relations with a focus on International Climate Change Policy from the University of Pompeu Fabra in Barcelona. He speaks English, Spanish, French, Hungarian, and some Russian, and has lived in five countries. He is an avid tennis player.

Dan Last, Co-Chief Executive Officer, Mission Energy

Dan has more than a decade of experience helping clients maximize the value of their facility investments through innovative financing, measurement & verification and data management processes. Dan has a Master of Business Administration from the University of Colorado, Boulder as well as a BA, BS and Master of Education from Boston College. He lives in Virginia with his wife and their three boys.

Catholic Climate Covenant is excited to work with [Mission Energy](#) to implement the [Catholic Energies](#) program. Mission Energy is a for-profit company with a mission to empower Catholic and other nonprofit organizations to implement safe, reliable, and clean renewable energy solutions.

Leonard Robinson is a weaver of strategy and spirit—where policy meets poetry and climate justice becomes sacred work. A partner at [SEMCO](#) and sustainability consultant for the [Archdiocese of Atlanta](#), Leonard's leadership spans public, private, nonprofit, and faith sectors. He helped shape California's trailblazing Climate Change and Green Chemistry policies under four governors, serving through Cal/EPA and the Colorado River Board. As an award-winning host of the [Faith & Sustainability Podcast](#), he animates stories that stir hearts and spark movements, calling communities to adapt with courage and accelerate toward regeneration.