

## Fossil Free Finance Act Overview

**House Sponsors:** Rep. Mondaire Jones, Rep. Rashida Tlaib, Rep. Ayanna Pressley

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### **Bank Emissions Reduction**

[The Fossil Free Finance Act](#) amends the *Bank Holding Companies Act* to require the Federal Reserve to mandate, via regulation or guidance, that all bank holding companies with more than \$50 billion in assets align their financing of greenhouse gas emissions and deforestation risk commodities with science-based emissions targets.

This bill will mandate alignment with our obligations under the Paris Climate Agreement and the emissions financing reduction targets below:

- 50% reduction in financed emissions by 2030
- 100% reduction in financed emissions by 2050
- Prohibits new or expanded fossil fuel projects after 2022
- Prohibits the financing of all fossil fuel projects after 2030
- Prohibits thermal coal financing after 2024

### **Nonbank Systemically Important Financial Institutions (SIFIs) Emissions Reduction**

*The Fossil Free Finance Act* amends the *Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act* to incorporate the financing of emissions into the SIFI designation process and codifies the Federal Reserve's authority to mandate alignment with the emissions reduction framework outlined above. This bill,

- Adds financed emissions to the list of criteria for a nonbank financial institution to be designated SIFIs.
- Codifies the Federal Reserve's authority to require SIFIs to wind down financed emissions as part of their financial stability mandate.
- Subjects nonbank SIFIs to the emissions reduction targets listed above.

### **Reporting to Congress**

*The Fossil Free Finance Act* requires the Federal Reserve to report to Congress on the commitments made by banks and nonbank SIFIs to reduce financed emissions and progress on those targets.