From: Phil Barnett Sent: Saturday, October 31, 2020 9:47 AM PDT To: Carlson, Ann <carlson@law.ucla.edu> Subject: How a Biden Administration Could Fight Climate Change Without the Senate

Hi Ann — I saw your nice quotes. If Tuesday goes well, we should find a time to talk so I can give you an update on some recent positive developments.

I hope you are staying safe and sane.

Phil

How a Biden Administration Could Fight Climate Change Without the Senate <u>https://www.gizmodo.com.au/2020/10/how-a-biden-administration-could-fight-climate-change-without-the-senate/</u> (via Instapaper)

Somewhere between a dream and nightmare is this scenario for Jan. 20, 2021: Joe Biden becomes president, while the Senate remains in Republican control.

The latest election polls (I know, I know) at FiveThirtyEight give Biden an<u>89% chance</u> of winning the White House and Democrats a <u>76% chance</u> of gaining a slim majority in the Senate. Not slam dunks, especially given that Republicans are going all-in on voter suppression.

To state the obvious: Given everything we know about President Donald Trump, it's a safe bet he would have zero interest in signing any climate legislation put on his desk if Democrats take the Senate but he somehow wins a second term. But if the inverse outcome occurs, with Biden winning the White House but Democrats failing to scoop up the Senate, then what happens?

The Key to Passing Good Climate Policy Is Having Real People in U.S. Congress

Earlier this week, Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez featured Taco Mix, objectively the best taco spot in Spanish Harlem, on her Instagram. I tell you this to a) convince you to go there if you are ever in the area, and b) because it speaks to the value of representatives who are...

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