Maryland Governor Larry Hogan Joins U.S. Climate Alliance

Bipartisan Climate Alliance Expands to 16 Governors, Representing 40% of U.S. Population and $7.4 Trillion of National GDP

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan this week announced his plans to join the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan coalition of 16 governors committed to reducing their states’ greenhouse gas emissions and working together to meet the goals of the historic Paris climate agreement.

“The importance of aggressive but balanced action in states, communities, and businesses and the need for multi-state collaboration and international leadership on climate change grows stronger every day,” stated Governor Hogan.

Alliance states are showing the nation and the world that ambitious climate action is achievable, and that climate leadership grows economies. Under current policies alone, Alliance states are on track to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 24-29 percent below 2005 levels by 2025. Alliance states continue to lead – in upcoming weeks, they will be announcing a range of new actions to accelerate progress towards tackling climate change.

By joining the Alliance, governors commit to:
- Implement policies that advance the goals of the Paris Agreement, aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emission by at least 26-28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025
- Track and report progress to the global community in appropriate settings, including when the world convenes to take stock of the Paris Agreement, and
- Accelerate new and existing policies to reduce carbon pollution and promote clean energy deployment at the state and federal level.

Maryland is already on a pathway to reduce its emissions 25 percent by 2020, and Governor Hogan is leading the effort to develop a comprehensive plan to meet the even more ambitious goal of a 40 percent reduction by 2030. His climate action leadership has been supported by the establishment of a Maryland Commission on Climate Change that is a “model for bipartisan, science-based climate and energy policy,” according to Hogan. Maryland is also a member of the bipartisan Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a regional carbon trading market that caps emissions from power plants, and strategically invests those resources into clean energy and the environment.

New U.S. Climate Alliance Executive Director Julie Cerqueira welcomed Governor Hogan’s announcement, noting, “By seeking solutions to today’s climate challenges, Alliance governors from
both parties are driving innovation, attracting investment, and transforming markets in ways that grow their economies and create jobs.”

The climate and clean energy policies in Alliance states have attracted billions of dollars of new investment and helped create more than 1.3 million clean energy jobs. “In Maryland, we are living proof that it is possible to both protect the natural world around us while also fostering a pro-jobs and vibrant economic opportunity environment,” according to Governor Hogan.

The U.S. Climate Alliance’s 2017 Annual Report shows that Alliance states are not only outpacing non-Alliance states in reducing their emissions, they are also growing their economies at a faster pace. Between 2005 and 2015, per capita economic output in Alliance states expanded twice as fast as in the rest of the country.

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**United States Climate Alliance** was formed by Governors Andrew Cuomo, Jay Inslee, and Jerry Brown in response to the U.S. federal government’s decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement on climate change. The bipartisan coalition of governors is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

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