Growing a Bipartisan State-Led Climate Action Coalition

On June 1, 2017, the U.S. Climate Alliance was formed by a small group of U.S. governors committed to achieving the goals of the Paris Agreement in response to the previous federal administration’s decision to withdraw the United States from this international accord.

Since then, the Alliance has rapidly grown to include a sizeable, and bipartisan, group of governors from states across the country representing:

- 55% of the U.S. population.
- 60% of the U.S. economy.
- Nearly 40% of U.S. emissions.

Achieving the Goals of the Paris Agreement

Governors who join the Alliance commit to:

- Implement policies that advance the goals of the Paris Agreement to keep temperature increases below 1.5 degrees Celsius, by committing to reduce collective net GHG emissions at least 50-52% below 2005 levels by 2030 and collectively achieve overall net-zero GHG emissions as soon as practicable and no later than 2050.
- Track and report progress to the global community in appropriate settings, including when the world convenes to take stock of the Paris Agreement.
- Accelerate new and existing policies to reduce carbon pollution and promote clean energy deployment at the state and federal level.

Cutting Emissions & Boosting Economic Opportunity

Alliance states have shown in recent years that bold climate action can help drive economic growth across multiple industries. These states have:

- Reduced emissions 14%, compared to 8% in non-Alliance states (2005-18).
- Increased per-capita economic output by 16% compared to 12% in non-Alliance states (2005-18).
- Employed 2.1 million workers in the clean energy sector (pre-pandemic).
- Added 133,000+ new clean energy jobs (2016-19).

Forging a New State-Federal Partnership & Accelerating Climate Action

Together, Alliance states have built a foundation of ambitious climate action that provides a durable roadmap for national policy makers and the Biden Administration. These states have:

- Coordinated across state lines and pursued innovative, ambitious climate solutions, sharing experiences, resources, technical assistance and regulatory, legislative and policy expertise.
- Backstopped federal rules and defended challenges to critical climate policies and regulations.
- Invested billions into building more equitable, resilient and sustainable communities.
- Leveraged their collective market power to transform the U.S. economy with aligned policies and regulations.
- Spoken with one voice to advance key priorities, and inspired climate action both domestically and abroad.
- Committed to establishing a new kind of state-federal partnership to confront the climate crisis.
**Key Priorities**

The U.S. Climate Alliance and its member states center their collaborative work around 12 key priorities.

**Real Results**

These efforts have produced real results with major policies, regulations and legislation adopted – and advanced – across multiple Alliance states around economy-wide emission reduction targets, electricity, carbon markets, transportation, short-lived climate pollutants, buildings, natural and working lands, resilience and climate finance.