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Sent: Monday, February 01, 2016 2:04 PM
To: Coriell, Scott; Gray, Laura
Subject: RE: Something Like...

Nice work. Here are my edits below, let's share with CA and see what they think. Thanks

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I like it. Made some edits below.

From: Gray, Laura
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Cali gov's office said keep it short and non-rhetorical. Probably didn't do either, but let's remember I think our goal here is huffpo:

Dear [Colleagues](#),

We are writing [as the Governors of California and Vermont to ask you to join us](#) in calling for divestment of state funds from dirty coal. The combustion of coal is scientifically [demonstrated to be](#) one of the greatest [drivers](#) of global warming. Just three months ago, world leaders agreed in Paris that we must limit global temperature increases to 2°C or below if we are to have a shot at maintaining a livable planet for future generations. As leaders of our states, we must help the United States make good on that pledge. Keeping coal in the ground is one responsible choice we can make to do that.

Coal is not only a harmful pollution source, it is a bad investment. Those with fiduciary responsibility must account for the fact that coal resources can be a stranded asset for those who depend on state funds for retirement. New research has found that more than 80 percent of the world's known coal reserves must stay in the ground in order to avoid further irreparable harm to our way of life. After losing value over the last XX years, coal [corporations](#) will [likely](#) only continue to depreciate as the world moves toward [tougher limits](#) on global carbon emissions.

We owe it to the retirees and [current public employees](#) in our states to protect the assets they have worked so hard to earn. We owe it to the younger generations to do our part to tackle climate change as the greatest environmental threat of our time.

We urge you to [help us keep](#) coal in the ground, and ask you to join us in taking meaningful steps to divest state assets from coal.