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From: Michelle Wyman [<mailto:wyman.michelle@gmail.com>]  
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Hi Aly,

Attached is a new background piece on the Accord- it's short, just half a page. Sharing in case you find it useful (sometimes sharing this might make more sense then sharing the entire Accord).

Best,  
Michelle

**Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future**

In early 2014, five US governors launched a voluntary initiative focused on engaging fellow governors from both parties to work together on clean energy and related issues. The governors organized the initiative around a leadership document titled the *Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future* (the "Accord"). The ongoing effort to engage a broad range of Republican and Democratic governors to secure their commitment to help shape this initiative remains a confidential and carefully executed process. Currently, there are 14 governors and their senior staff who are actively engaged in considering participation in the Accord in addition to the five founding governors.

The mission of the initiative is to advance bipartisan state leadership and actions that promote economic development, greenhouse gas emissions reductions, energy efficiency, and more stable energy systems and supplies. The main objective of the Accord is to serve as a bipartisan platform for states to work together on energy issues in a trusted space that is both accessible and exclusive to participating states.

The US energy system is in transition. This transition presents states with opportunities to anticipate and plan for the energy future of their communities. By proactively working together across state lines, leveraging investments, resources and planning jointly, states can lay the foundation for a successful transition and build common ground. Interstate collaborations, policy alignments and resource investments coupled with joint, bipartisan leadership offers a strong voice to governors in defining the path forward for their respective states as well as the nation's energy future. The Accord initiative will provide a workable platform for the states to accomplish this work.