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Colleagues-

Please find the following for your review in advance of our call this Friday (1) a revised version of the Accord, both clean & in tracked changes, based on input that Valerie Brader (MI) and Wade Crowfoot (CA) received from states; and (2) a list of action items that will serve as the basis for a work plan post-announcement, also reflecting input from various states.

We will review the documents as well as discuss timing for the announcement and additional state engagement. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Michelle or me if you have questions or additional thoughts.

Thank you,
Cliff

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Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future

Proposed Action Items Post-Announcement

The following action items reflect input from the Accord states and are a blend of policy, analysis and resource development to serve the states' interests and priorities.

- Quantify economic benefits and opportunities from states' clean energy and infrastructure investments. Using standard economic tools and with the right technical partner, Accord states could pursue state-level modeling of specific infrastructure and clean energy investments to project impacts to employment, GDP and household income. Track workforce development trends in Accord states specifically skills and training that support clean energy work/markets.
- Shape technical assistance, funding and research to states to better support states' energy pathways toward the Accord's common principles; engage proactively with Federal agencies, select industry and financial sectors, philanthropy and research institutes to accelerate states' energy work.
- Engage states in 'utility of the future' discussions possibly including convening with key utility sector stakeholders on a range of topics e.g., energy storage, increased capacity for renewable energy, status of current energy systems, resilience, etc.
- Review Accord states energy policies or plans and identify areas of mutual focus on energy issues and opportunities across states' for collaboration.
- Convene states for sharing and learning best practices and programs for financing development and deployment of renewable energy, efficiency, and smart grid and energy storage technologies in the electricity grid.
- Examine effective state transportation policies that promote alternative-fuels and alternative-fueled vehicles, including regional partnerships like the West Coast Electric Highway, national freight efficiency or plug-in electric vehicle infrastructure work.
- Support the modernization of the nation's electrical grid. Identify Federal policies and investments to improve transmission and distribution infrastructure that further state energy goals, and help each other build our own in-state capacity to improve our energy grids.

GOVERNORS' ACCORD FOR A NEW ENERGY FUTURE

American prosperity has always depended on embracing new ideas and technologies. By deploying cleaner and more efficient energy solutions, we can make our national economy more productive and resilient. These technologies help to diversify energy sources that power our economy and reduce dependence on foreign energy sources while securing abundant, domestically produced electricity. Embracing these new energy solutions also modernizes our infrastructure and transportation systems, decreases air pollution, and supports the growth of innovative American companies.

Current challenges also demand these new energy solutions. Increased intensity and frequency of floods, droughts, wildfires and sea-level rise threaten electric reliability and economic development, likely impacting our communities, industries, agricultural production and trillions of dollars of assets. This new reality demands that we diversify our energy portfolios and build more durable, safe and resilient infrastructure. Embracing new energy solutions allows us to expand our economy while protecting the health of our communities and natural resources. These changes/improvements will help secure a safe and prosperous future for our country.

We recognize that now is the time to embrace a bold vision of the nation's energy future, and to do so, states are once again poised to lead. We join together, despite unique opportunities and challenges in each state, to embrace a shared vision of this future:

Our states will diversify energy generation and expand clean energy sources.

Expanding energy efficiency and clean/renewable energy in a cost-effective way contributes to/strengthens our states' economies/our states' economic productivity, reduces air pollution and avoids energy waste. While fossil fuels help to power our economies, building our energy systems in ways that reduce dependence on fossil fuel will make our economies stronger, more efficient, and stable. Integrating more of these clean energy sources into our electricity grids can also improve the flexibility and stability of these grids. Promoting energy savings through efficiency and conservation programs is the fastest, most reliable and often cheapest way to meet our energy needs. Technologies that capture solar, wind and geothermal power have become viable and cost-effective to integrate into our states' energy generation portfolios in many cases. These technologies are already providing energy to millions of Americans while reducing energy waste and air pollution. With/Amidst the falling/decreasing costs of renewable energy options, and rapid advances in efficiency throughout the entire energy systems, our states can/will diversify their/our energy portfolios for economic, health and environmental benefitss.

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Our states will encourage clean transportation options.

Hundreds of thousands of electric vehicles are driving on American roads, and fuels such as natural gas, biofuel and hydrogen are increasingly available to power vehicles. Supporting automakers' and fueling companies' market expansion for these new vehicles and fuels expands consumer choice, lessens dependence on petroleum and reduces pollution. By supporting needed infrastructure development and incentives where when appropriate, our states will encourage expanded use of these new technologies.

Our states will ~~develop comprehensive energy plans~~ plan for this energy transition.

Given the complexity of statewide energy systems and the scale of modernizing these systems, Comprehensive energy plans will set our states on pathways to meet these ambitious objectives. Many states have developed energy plans and strategies to chart these to implement these energy improvements. These approaches have that will incorporate shared best practices and lessons-learned from these new technologies, other states' energy policies, consumer programs, and workforce training efforts. These distinct state-by-state plans approaches enable each state to meet benchmarks it sets for itself in areas such as energy diversification, reduced energy waste, improved air and water, and economic performance. Our states will support each other in developing, refining and implementing these plans through by sharing expertise among our policy experts. for the states or specific utilities, and then report progress guided by benchmark on items including that include energy diversification, reduced energy waste, improved air and water and economic performance.

Our states will work together to make these transformational policy changes.

Our states are already transforming energy and transportation to be cleaner, more efficient, and more resilient. Many ~~of these~~ actions taking place in each one a state can be replicated adapted to meet the needs of in other states and scaled across regions. Examples include facilitating siting and streamlining bureaucratic hurdles for deploying siting of environmentally desirable infrastructure, setting renewable and energy efficiency standards, adopting incentives for clean vehicles, adopting low emission vehicle and low carbon fuel standards, and diversifying energy portfolios to integrate peak shaving, efficiency and renewable energy into a state's energy mix. Building on current efforts, our states will help each other reach shared energy and transportation objectives. This collaboration will be advanced through periodic meetings and technical convenings of our states.

Our states will help secure a stronger national energy future.

Given the unique energy portfolio and regulatory framework of each state, Governors are uniquely positioned to drive lasting improvements to our country's energy system. Federal agencies such as the United States Department of Energy have provide lend technical expertise, provide funding, and enable research and development and funding that can help these state actions our states take these actions make energy improvements. In order to provide effective support, federal agencies must work closely with states to tailor technical support ~~and~~ funding and research to the needs of each state instead of and avoid presupposing the kind the best type type of assistance that is valuable. Strong partnerships among our states and between the our states and the federal government will improve our country in the decades to come.

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