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**Subject:** Please Read: Final Communication re: Accord Announcement (10 am Pacific/1 pm Eastern)

**Attachments:** AccordNationalRelease 2.16.pdf; ATT00001.htm

Dear Colleagues-

The *Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future* will be announced at 10 am Pacific/1 pm Eastern today. If you want to dial in for the national press call, please let me know directly - I need to know who specifically will be dialing in from your end (by name) so I can submit to the operator by 12 pm Eastern. Here is the call in info: 888-455-9739 participant passcode: 4511145 Only those people who have RSVPed will be allowed onto the call.

Attached is the national press release for the Accord. Please note that the Accord website will go live at 1 pm Eastern. Until then the site is password protected. If you are using links in your state releases, please be sure they work- the links on the national release (attached here) don't work yet, and won't until the site goes live. Please do not send out your state releases until 10 am Pacific/1 pm Eastern or later.

Please call me if you have questions 510-331-0441.

Thank you,  
Michelle

**EMBARGOED until 1:00 P.M. Eastern Time, February 16, 2016**

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### **Governors Announce Bipartisan Accord for a New Energy Future**

**Washington DC** – A bipartisan group of 17 governors today signed the [\*Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future\*](#) - a joint commitment to take action to promote clean energy, clean transportation choices, a modern electrical grid, and plan for a new energy future.

The Accord provides participating governors – a bipartisan coalition together representing 127 million Americans – with a platform through which their states will collaborate, learn from one another, and leverage partnerships in energy planning and policymaking.

“American prosperity has always depended on embracing new ideas and technologies,” states the *Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future*. “Embracing new energy solutions allows us to expand our economy while protecting the health of our communities and natural resources. These 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.”

Governors Brian Sandoval of Nevada, Jerry Brown of California and Jay Inslee of Washington, will hold a national press call today, February 16 at 1:00 pm ET, to announce the Accord.

Democratic and Republican signatories to the Accord commit that their states will continue to diversify energy generation and expand clean energy sources, modernize energy infrastructure, and encourage clean transportation options. The seventeen participating governors represent states that vary considerably in their energy mix and policy portfolios. However, these governors have committed to working together to make transformational policy changes to secure a stronger energy future for their states and the nation.

Senior advisors to participating governors will convene shortly to discuss initial steps to pursue their shared priorities and commitments contained in the Accord.

Click here to access the full text of the [\*Governors' Accord for a New Energy Future\*](#).  
Click here to view [statements](#) from each governor participating in the Accord.

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