

States, Local Governments, Businesses and More Fill the Climate Change Leadership Void of President Trump

The Trump Administration has taken a number of steps to turn back American progress towards meeting the global climate change crisis. These steps include announcing his intention to withdraw the US from the international Paris Climate agreement, working to repeal the Clean Power Plan for power plants, and trying to undermine the nation's climate pollution standards for cars and light trucks.

In the wake of these short-sighted actions, individuals, communities and companies across the nation have redoubled their efforts to achieve substantial reductions in climate pollution – and to show the world that while the current President may not care about the pressing challenge of climate change – most of America still does.

U.S. Climate Alliance

The [U.S. Climate Alliance](#) is a bipartisan coalition of 24 governors committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement. The Alliance represents over half (55 percent) of the U.S. population and an \$11.7 trillion economy.

By joining the Alliance, governors commit to:

- Implement policies that advance the goals of the Paris Agreement, aiming to reduce greenhouse gas emission by at least 26-28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025
- Track and report progress to the global community in appropriate settings, including when the world convenes to take stock of the Paris Agreement, and
- Accelerate new and existing policies to reduce carbon pollution and promote clean energy deployment at the state and federal level.

The members as of April 29, 2019 are: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

We're Still In

Under the banner "[We're Still In](#)" over 3,500 leaders and organizations ranging from mayors, county executives, governors, tribal leaders, college and university leaders, businesses, faith groups, and investors have pledged that they will continue to support climate action and will make efforts to help meet the US Paris Agreement contribution.

A report published in late 2018, [Fulfilling America's Pledge: How States, Cities and Businesses are Leading the United States to a Low-Carbon Future](#), provides the most comprehensive accounting of how these "real economy actors" are making progress. The report finds that current federal and real economy commitments, combined with market forces, will drive U.S. emissions to 17 percent below 2005 levels by 2025, roughly two-thirds of the way to the original U.S. target. Broader engagement of states, cities, businesses, other real-economy actors, within realistic legal and political limits, has the potential to reduce U.S. emissions more than 24% below 2005 levels by 2025.