

Elected Officials from  
Colorado Local Governments

July 19, 2017

The Honorable John D. Hickenlooper  
Governor of Colorado  
200 E Colfax Avenue  
Denver, CO 80203

Dear Governor Hickenlooper:

As local elected representatives from across Colorado, whether small mountain communities or large urban centers, we are all deeply committed to protecting our communities' and state's quality of life. As such, we are writing to thank you for and express our support for your executive order setting important climate protection goals for our state, and to offer to work with you and your administration to achieve the actions to fulfill them.

Now more than ever, it is up to state and local governments to step up and fulfill our nation's commitment to reduce heat-trapping emissions under the Paris Agreement, which has been agreed to by nearly every nation in the world.

At the local level, we, elected officials from communities across Colorado, are redoubling efforts to bring about local reductions in heat-trapping emissions. Our communities are taking action because it makes financial, social, and environmental sense for us to increase our energy efficiency, diversify our energy portfolio to increase resiliency, reduce waste, and expand multi-modal transportation options for our workforce and community. We are excited to work with your administration to identify opportunities to advance our mutual interests to keep Colorado and its communities vibrant and globally competitive.

At the state level, a comprehensive set of new actions will be needed to meet the goals you have established to:

- reduce statewide heat-trapping emissions by more than 26 percent by 2025, compared to 2005 levels;
- reduce carbon dioxide emissions from the electricity sector by 25 percent by 2025 and by 35 percent by 2030, compared to 2012 levels; and
- reduce total electricity sales by 2 percent per year by 2020.

We also applaud the executive order's stated desire to receive input on measures and strategies to advance these goals. As local officials, we are ready and willing to help you and your administration shape and implement concrete, measurable actions that will be needed to meet these goals.

Together, state and local governments in our state can ensure that Colorado plays a leading role in protecting the climate for this and future generations.

Sincerely,

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