

## Governors' Energy and Climate Coalition Statement of Principles May 21, 2009

We, the undersigned Governors, agree to the following principles, and agree to publicly support and seek the implementation of these principles in public policy at every opportunity.

➤ The United States urgently needs a comprehensive energy strategy that will generate millions of clean energy jobs, break our dependence on foreign oil, and reduce the threat of global warming. Therefore we support and will lend our voice to Congress to pass legislation that invests in using energy more efficiently and producing more clean energy at home, and sets a cap on greenhouse gases to reduce emissions to levels guided by science to avoid dangerous global warming.

➤ States are where the green economy is being built. States are critical to implementing the clean energy policies necessary to help workers, consumers, businesses, and manufacturers prosper in this new economy by accelerating the deployment of energy-efficient and low-emission technologies, assisting industry to retool and workers to retrain, mitigating costs to consumers and businesses, engaging natural solutions from farms and forests, and preparing for the unavoidable impacts of climate change. Therefore we pledge to work with Congress and the Administration to develop a strong state-federal partnership to create and preserve our jobs and industry, keep the United States competitive abroad, and at the same time address climate change threats.

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