



STATE OF NEW YORK

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GOVERNOR

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Dear Governor Rowland:

I am writing to invite the State of Connecticut to work cooperatively with New York and other northeast states to demonstrate that we can increase our energy security, improve air quality, and make significant progress in the fight against global climate change by developing a regional strategy regarding carbon dioxide emissions from power plants.

In New York, we have imposed stringent air quality controls on in-state power generators and have implemented nationally recognized energy efficiency programs that increase our energy security and improve our air quality. I have also recently announced that New York will develop an aggressive renewable portfolio standard for electricity bought in the State, and that New York will adopt the carbon dioxide emissions standards for motor vehicles that were recently mandated by the State of California.

In addition, I have also created a Task Force comprised of industry representatives, academia, environmental advocacy organizations, and state agencies to make recommendations on how New York should best address the issue of global climate change. The motor vehicle emission standards for carbon dioxide and the renewable portfolio standard mentioned above both grew out of the Task Force recommendations.

One of the points of consensus within the Task Force was that policy measures should be implemented on as broad a scale as possible in order to be effective and equitable: federal measures are preferable to regional measures, and regional measures are preferable to measures adopted by individual states. A flexible market-based cap and trade program for requiring carbon dioxide emission reductions from electric generating stations is an issue which is well suited for the northeast states to develop a cooperative regional effort.

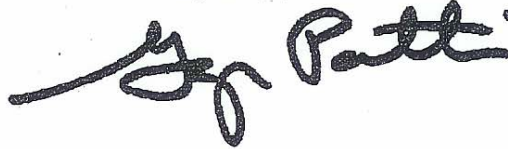


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I am hopeful that you will agree that a regional approach presents an effective and equitable means to begin controlling carbon dioxide emissions from power plants. It is therefore suggested that we make it our mutual objective over the next two years to develop a cooperative program which will achieve meaningful reductions in carbon dioxide emissions on a regional basis. I have asked William Flynn, the Chairman of the New York Public Service Commission and Erin Crotty, the Commissioner of New York's Department of Environmental Conservation, to contact their counterparts in your state to gauge the level of interest in taking part in this important initiative.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to working with each of you in a regional effort that can reduce our dependence on foreign energy and improve our environment at the same time.

Very truly yours,



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