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Dear Governors and Premiers:

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I look forward to participating in this important collaboration as a way of curbing regional emissions, positioning Montana as a provider of clean energy to the region, and spurring federal action on climate change. I have been hard at work for several years promoting nationally the importance of moving America into a new energy economy. I have also been pushing Montana's state-level transition to a low-emissions future, and I look forward to sharing the knowledge and experience that we have gained in this work. Current efforts in Montana include:

- Economic incentives for the development of low-carbon energy strategies, signed into law in 2007;
- The formation of a state Climate Change Advisory Council to study ways in which the state can reduce emissions;
- The adoption of a renewable portfolio standard that sets a target of 15% renewable energy by 2015, signed into law in 2005;
- A regional carbon sequestration project led by Montana State University, studying the vast geologic structures of the region for long-term carbon storage; and

- A state government energy efficiency initiative targeting a 20% reduction by 2010.

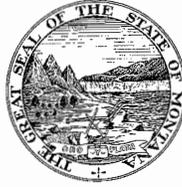
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