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To: [Aimee Barnes](#), [Davis, Chris \(GOV\)](#), [Schuler, Reed \(GOV\)](#)
Date: Aug 10, 2017 at 8:20 AM
Subject: Re: Take a look at this synopsis to keep us focused. I was think about last call and that we needed notes and framework. It's a mix between something to pull from for press and also somethink that gets convo started for tmr

Agreed. I didn't have the lists we created in providence, so I stopped at categories. If u do can u fill that in so we all be refreshed of those more narrowed ideas within the buckets

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From: Aimee Barnes
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Thanks Alexander. I think this is super helpful and when combined with what Reed pulled together, gives us a solid basis for our activities around Climate Week. On the working groups, I'd be more keen to focus these around targets/objectives/announcements rather than buckets. We can discuss tomorrow.

Thanks again!

From: Alexander Cochran <Alexander.Cochran@exec.ny.gov>
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1. Pathways to Paris and USCA's unique role

- o USCA states are stepping up where the federal government has stepped back. States have a large degree of independence in crafting their own energy and environmental policies, and have made enormous strides in building their own clean energy economies without leadership from the federal government.
 - a. [List state by state accomplishments]
- o **In order to accelerate new and existing policies to reduce carbon pollution and promote clean energy technologies, USCA is creating five policy working groups to leverage individual state best practices and forge connective tissue between states.**
 - a. *Finance:* Financing emission reductions
 - b. *Power Sector:* Transforming the grid and developing renewable energy
 - c. *Transportation:* Developing clean transportation
 - d. *Efficiency:* Advancing energy efficiency in buildings and appliances
 - e. *Natural Resources:* Leveraging our lands and oceans
- o The working groups have short, mid- and long-term goals:
 - a. Short-term (September): Each state to provide best practices in each category
 - b. Mid-term: Forge solutions reactive to impending federal obstacles
 - c. Long-term: Collectively provoke structural market change, with focus on deep decarbonization
- o Companies, NGOs and other non-state actors could provide advisory role to working groups.

2. Accountability and emission tracking

- o By joining USCA, members states are committing to reducing their greenhouse gas emissions by the level originally submitted by the United States -- at least 26-28 percent below 2005 levels by 2025.
- o **In order to ensure that Alliance states' emissions reductions are reported and tracked in the most effective way possible, the USCA will be supported by a secretariat out of [the Georgetown Climate Center/UN Foundation], and will be directed by [Executive Director XY]. And we will look to outside experts to assist us to ensure tracking methodology is similar between the states and offer technical assistance to states to meet this goal.**
- o USCA States will be required to submit yearly reports tracking their progress and mapping out their projections to meeting the 2025 goal, using a framework provided by the secretariat to ensure that projections are congruent to one another.

3. Bipartisanship

- o **USCA is a bipartisan coalition of U.S. states and territories committed to upholding the U.S. goals of the 2015 Paris Agreement on climate change.**
 - a. [List member states]

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