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Hon. Ellen F. Rosenblum
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Dear Attorney General Rosenblum:

Over the last several years, we have worked through an informal coalition of Attorneys General in legal actions to help protect our citizens from the adverse consequences of climate change and to promote energy efficiency. From advocating for, and then defending, the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean Power Plan to convincing the U.S. Department of Energy to adopt energy efficiency standards for commercial equipment and lighting, our collaborative work has been an important part of the national effort to ensure the adoption of stronger federal climate and energy policies.

The commitments of the United States and other nations at last year's Paris climate change conference are very significant steps forward, but states must still play a critical role in ensuring that the promises made in Paris become reality. Put simply, while we have accomplished a lot, much more action to stem climate change and expand the availability and usage of renewable energy is needed, and is needed now.

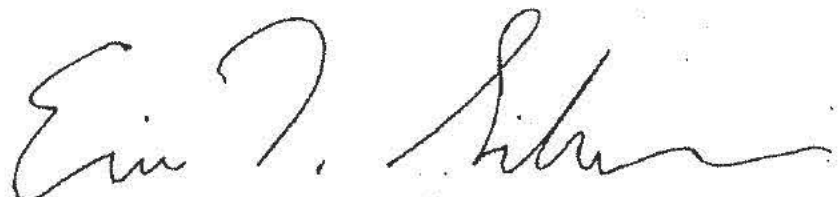
That's why we believe that this is the moment for Attorneys General who share this mission to renew our commitment to a coalition to take concerted action to protect our citizens from the public safety, health, and environmental harms created by climate change.

To that end, we are hosting a one-day meeting at the Office of the New York Attorney General in Manhattan on March 29, 2016. We plan to have a press event with attending Attorneys General to highlight the importance of climate change to the citizens of our states, our work defending the Clean Power Plan (highlighting the brief our coalition states are filing that day) and the formation of an Attorneys General climate change and energy coalition committed to working together to take effective investigative and legal steps to address the risks that climate change poses to all of our citizens. A staff-level meeting with AG attorneys working on these issues will also be convened to discuss ongoing and potential legal actions and to consider mechanisms to support these actions.

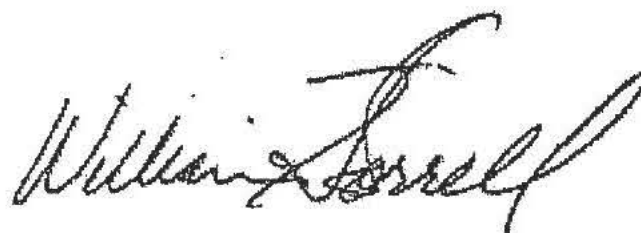
We ask that you RSVP by Friday, March 18 to Michael Meade (Michael.Meade@ag.ny.gov or 212-416-8985) and, if you are attending, provide the names and contact information for all staff who will accompany you.

.Thank you for your interest; we hope to see you and your staff on March 29.

Sincerely,



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