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**Date:** Jun 7, 2017 at 7:58 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Whew - and time to touch base today please?  
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Join me in talking with Vicki at 4p? The more of these we can do together the better. Or we could just pass back to Aimee/Chris..

Also, Ill cancel phil at 3p, given that we're both now on the call with him at 2p, with aimee

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**From:** Vicki Arroyo [<mailto:vaa@georgetown.edu>]  
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**Subject:** Whew - and time to touch base today please?

Dear Sam,

Thanks for the note below and I'm so glad we connected early Monday! It was a crazy weekend, but I am happy help and especially relieved that it all worked out. Another strong show of state and broader subnational leadership!

Now that the initial flurry of announcements is over, I want to run an idea by you of a couple of folks we could bring in (who have very senior state experience and trusted relationships) to help with next steps on the Alliance and more. We can use our Hall of States office for this work. Do you have time to give me a call today please or for me to stop by your office around 4 or 4:30 pm? Thanks!

Vicki  
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**From:** Ricketts, Sam (GOV) [<mailto:Sam.Ricketts@gov.wa.gov>]  
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**Subject:** RE: Paris Agreement -Passing along sign-on opportunity as requested

Thanks. I think we're all good on the states, and that NY may be joining too. Appreciate your checking in this am.

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**Subject:** Re: Paris Agreement -Passing along sign-on opportunity as requested

As an update, VA, RI, HI, CT, WA, OR are now on this broad coalition statement with sign-on due before initial announcement at 1 pm eastern.

Thanks all!

Vicki

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 3, 2017, at 11:44 AM, SADHIR Ruchi \* GOV <[Ruchi.SADHIR@oregon.gov](mailto:Ruchi.SADHIR@oregon.gov)> wrote:

Thanks Vicki, quick additional point - as I understand it, Oregon, Washington, and California have signed on -- among a long list of businesses and universities and cities that includes: 100 universities, 50 cities, 700 companies including the following:

Apple

Google

Microsoft

Mars

HPE

Intel

Cisco

eBay

Unilever

VF Corporation

Happy to discuss, but given the timing, it may be more efficient to reach out to Elan directly: [Elan.Strait@wwfus.org](mailto:Elan.Strait@wwfus.org)

Thanks--Ruchi

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Ruchi Sadhir

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Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 3, 2017, at 5:41 AM, Vicki Arroyo <[arroyo@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:arroyo@law.georgetown.edu)> wrote:

Dear State Leaders,

Thank you so much for your quick responses on Thursday and Friday which demonstrated continued state leadership on climate and clean energy issues! You may have heard about a “Coalition of Coalitions” multi-sectoral statement of resolve to continue “to accelerate the transition to a clean energy economy” being signed by Governors, Mayors, and Corporate and University leaders, and facilitated by groups such as CERES and WWF. Some of your states have already signed on, and Ruchi Sadhir of Oregon Gov. Kate Brown’s office reached out last night to ask me to forward this opportunity for other governors wishing to join this statement they are trying to get out early Monday afternoon. Ruchi said she would be happy to discuss; however, the sign-up opportunity is being facilitated by folks at WWF as part of the broader coalition effort. Elan Strait [Elan.Strait@wwfus.org](mailto:Elan.Strait@wwfus.org) (Cell: 240-277-6035) is facilitating this if you would like to reach out directly with any questions or to indicate potential interest (which might provide additional time given the late notice).

Hope you are having a good weekend!  
All best,  
Vicki

Dear Colleague:

Yesterday afternoon President Trump made his announcement to withdraw the U.S. from the Paris Climate Agreement.

In response, WWF, Ceres and other NGOs organized a **statement for sign-on** by businesses, investors, state and local officials, and higher education leaders to demonstrate the broad swath of subnational and non-state actors throughout the U.S. that are forging ahead and are committed to doing their part to help to drive down carbon pollution and curtail climate change.

*The statement and a PDF of [FAQs](#) can be found attached.*

***You can sign onto the statement through this link: [bit.ly/wearestillin](http://bit.ly/wearestillin).***

Following a call last night with the coalition of groups working on the statement, we are extending the sign-on deadline until **1 pm ET on Monday, June 5th**.

There was a tremendous outpouring of support for this first-of-its-kind multi-sector statement in just a few short hours. We have over 500 companies, 90 universities, over 20 Mayors and states on board. Having heard from many of you that you are working this through your internal channels and that you focused on getting your own corporate statements out yesterday, we hope this additional time will help you get the needed approvals.

If you have questions, or there are others in your organization we should be connecting with, please let us know.

Regardless of the initial public release, the statement will be open for sign-on on a rolling basis and its hosted website will be updated periodically with new signatories. **We appreciate your consideration of this statement and your efforts to get this letter through your approval processes as rapidly as possible.**

For those of you wishing to share your disappointment or renewed commitment through social media channels, you can find a few sample tweets below. We will send along a full social media kit ahead of the public release of the statement.

Again, you can find a copy of an FAQ, Thursday's webinar ppt slides, and the withdrawal statement attached.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate reaching out to either the WWF or Ceres teams with any questions.

Sincerely,

Anne Kelly, Senior Director, Policy and BICEP Network,  
Ceres  
Marty Spitzer, Senior Director, Climate and Renewable Energy,  
WWF

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**Subject:** Trump announcing US Paris Agreement withdrawal -  
please share statements

Dear State Leaders – Please share your governors’  
reactions/statements/tweets. We are collecting them (CA, WA, OR,  
CO, MA, OH, PA, NY, VA and DC so far) and sharing with media  
and through postings. Thank you for your leadership which has  
never been more important!

All best,  
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**Subject:** States' Climate Leadership Group: Expected Paris  
Announcement, Web Resource Update & Transitions

Dear state leaders,

As many of you may have heard, President Trump tweeted this past Saturday morning that he would make his "final decision on the Paris Accord next week."

We would like to offer to collect any state statements responding to an announcement on the Paris Agreement, notify reporters (and remind them of the previous governors' letters urging the U.S. to remain in the Paris Agreement), and post statements on our website. Please send any statements or tweets, etc. to our Communications Director Chris Coil ([coil@georgetown.edu](mailto:coil@georgetown.edu); 202-661-6672) and Deputy Director Kate Zyla ([zyla@georgetown.edu](mailto:zyla@georgetown.edu); 202-661-6558). We will

keep this state leadership group updated about developments, including any state statements. (Please also see E&E article on Paris Agreement developments below).

We also wanted to provide an update on work to develop a web resource for file sharing and discussion purposes. After testing several options, we will be moving forward with a Microsoft Sharepoint site for this group. We are currently working with our IT department to get this site set up.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Gabe Pacyniak and welcome James Bradbury, who will be taking over to direct the mitigation program. As many of you know from our meetings in April, Gabe will be leaving the Georgetown Climate Center at the end of this week to join the University of New Mexico School of Law as an assistant law professor and will also be working in the environmental law clinic there. We will be very sad to see Gabe go, and appreciate all of his hard and great work over the years on behalf of the states! But we are very proud of him and happy for this new opportunity and look forward to working with him in this new capacity – ideally, among other things, to grow this list of leading states! (Gabe's new email will be [pacyniak@law.unm.edu](mailto:pacyniak@law.unm.edu)).

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We are thrilled that James Bradbury will be stepping in to take over from Gabe. James is joining the Climate Center from U.S. DOE, where he served for over three years as Senior Policy Adviser in the Office of Energy Policy and Systems Analysis. Previously James worked in the climate program at the World Resources Institute and prior to that he served on Capitol Hill as Senior Legislative Assistant to (then) Congressman Jay Inslee. James is originally from New Hampshire, he went to Colorado College and has a Ph.D in Geosciences though he has been doing policy for the last decade. (James' email address is [james.bradbury@georgetown.edu](mailto:james.bradbury@georgetown.edu)).

We will also be saying goodbye to Hampden Macbeth, our Georgetown Law 2016 graduate whose fellowship is ending in June. Once again, we are fortunate to welcome a new Institute Associate, Dan Conrad. Hampden is planning on returning to work on Capitol Hill. Dan is an attorney who will be joining us from the EPA Office of General Counsel, and has worked previously as an attorney at the North Carolina Utilities Commission and with the state legislature. Dan received his J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law and an undergraduate degree in Economics also from UNC.

Please let us know if you are in town to join a send-off this Friday from 4 – 7 pm for Gabe and Hampden. We look forward to introducing you all to James and Dan soon!

All best,

Vicki

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## It's go time. But will Trump 'cancel' or concede?

[Jean Chemnick](#), E&E News reporter  
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President Trump (fourth from left) spoke during a roundtable meeting of Group of Seven leaders and outreach partners at the Hotel San Domenico in Taormina, Sicily, over the weekend.

Domenico Stinellis/AP Images

President Trump is finally set to announce whether the United States will remain a party to the Paris Agreement, after months of debate among top advisers and a behind-the-scenes

intervention by his daughter, Ivanka Trump.

The final outcome expected this week is unclear. The president's decision, if he has come to one, is shrouded by divergent opinions in the administration. Trump has reportedly told different advisers that he's leaning in different directions. So his verdict stands to stoke consternation in the White House and within agencies, whatever path he chooses.

"No telling," Andrew Light, a U.S. negotiator at the Paris deliberations, said of Trump's direction. "I really don't think you can tell from media reports now where Trump is on this or whether he is in fact telling different people different things."

*Axios* reported over the weekend that Trump had told "confidants" he would pull out of Paris. The news service also wrote that U.S. EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt will craft an exit plan. The agreement requires a four-year withdrawal process, though there are alternative strategies to exit more quickly. The most controversial of those involves departing the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change, a 1992 treaty agreed to by the Senate.

If true, Trump's exit stance appears to be an about-face. Before he left on his nine-day foreign tour on May 19, sources say, he seemed to be leaning toward staying in the agreement.

A U.S. withdrawal promises to upset several U.S. allies, whose representatives Trump met with late last week in Brussels and at the Group of Seven summit in Taormina, Italy. While there, a number of Europeans and the prime ministers of Canada and Japan urged Trump to remain in the deal.

The summit ended with Trump standing in the way of a joint G-7 statement endorsing Paris. Six nations signed it, leaving the United States isolated. But Gary Cohn, director of the White House National Economic Council, told reporters as it was unfolding that the president's position was "evolving" and that he is "leaning to understand the European position."

Cohn, a Democrat and a former Goldman Sachs executive,

seemed to hint during a gaggle aboard Air Force One on Thursday that Trump might opt to stay in the Paris Agreement with a revised emissions pledge that he deemed more "fair" to the United States. That path is a widely discussed alternative to withdrawal.

"The Europeans, as a whole, are pretty much in favor of the Paris accord, but the Europeans as a whole have a much easier standard to abide by than the standard we were left with by the previous administration," said Cohn, adding that it creates an "unlevel playing field."

"So if we have an environmental restriction that's unfair to us and not unfair to every other country, he's not going to go with that," he told reporters.

### 'Our fate ... our own hands'

Europe is developing legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030. The United States, under former President Obama, committed to cutting emissions 26 to 28 percent below 2005 by 2025. Trump is in the process of dismantling the environmental rules that the previous administration hoped would bring the United States close to its Paris goal.

Still, Cohn's words seem to hint that Trump sees the Paris target as "unfair," rather than the underlying agreement itself. But Cohn might be promoting his own preferences.

Cohn is broadly viewed to support continued involvement in Paris, while Pruitt has strenuously argued against it. Both sides of the internal tug of war have projected that they expect Trump to come down on their side. It's unclear if that's a negotiating tactic or whether they're reflecting what they're told.

Foreign leaders who met with Trump late last week and who were universally in favor of the United States' staying in the Paris accord sounded pessimistic about the president staying in

the agreement, and about partnering with the United States across a variety of security and domestic issues.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said over the weekend that her days shared with Trump convinced her that the European Union must "really take our fate into our own hands."

Apparently stung by Trump's obstruction on Paris and trade, Merkel endorsed "friendship" with the United States and others, but not reliance.

Meanwhile, new French President Emmanuel Macron, who discussed the Paris accord with Trump, bragged about refusing to concede to the polarizing U.S. president even during their handshake.

At home, the decision has divided Cabinet secretaries and White House advisers for months. Key aides and Ivanka Trump have argued in favor of preserving the agreement, to prevent blowback on an array of international issues. Others, like chief strategist Steve Bannon, say the climate pact is economically harmful. At one point last month, Ivanka Trump interceded in a legal dispute about the ability to weaken U.S. emissions goals.

## U.S. is 'Mr. Hyde'

U.S. climate advocates, meanwhile, are divided in their reading of the tea leaves for this week's announcement. They tend to agree that whatever Trump proposes would likely weaken U.S. climate action.

Paul Bodnar, the former White House National Security Council climate chief, said it would be a "slap in the face" to world leaders if Trump spent days soliciting their views and then returned to Washington to announce the opposite decision.

"That would be kind of a double helping of insult," he said. Bodnar suggested it could mean either that close U.S. allies failed to persuade Trump or that he'd had his mind made up prior to the meeting.

Alden Meyer, strategy director at the Union of Concerned Scientists, said the chance of a "stay" decision is diminished now that the G-7 meeting is in the rearview mirror.

"I'd always thought if Trump was going to stay in, why not do it at the summit and take the praise and the credit of other leaders?" he said.

Whatever Trump's decision, it comes as the European Union and China prepare for a bilateral summit this Friday that will include an agreement on climate change. It also comes as Merkel prepares for July's meeting of the Group of 20, which she had hoped would endorse Paris. That could be complicated if Trump pulls out.

The European Union, China and Canada launched a joint initiative last week aimed at keeping major economies working on climate change outside the UNFCCC.

Bodnar said that a U.S. retreat from the Paris accord would create space for other countries to lead.

"What's pretty clear, and of course encouraging, is the degree of unanimity in the rest of the world that they're going ahead," he said.

The U.S. negotiating team under Obama helped enable this, Bodnar said, when it insisted on politically binding architecture that encourages joint action. He compared the United States to the 19th-century novella "Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," in which the good doctor ends up occupying the same body as the evil Hyde and starts trying to limit his damage.

"When we're Dr. Jekyll, we're working with the international community to create a structure that can withstand us when we turn into Mr. Hyde," he said. "The encouraging thing is that I think the structure's going to stand."

<Final Paris Coalition of Coalition Statement - Withdrawal  
May 31.pdf>

<ParisWithdrawalFAQ.pdf>

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