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Dear Governor Brown:

I am very pleased to hear of the United States Climate Alliance. California is larger in population and productivity than most countries. Absent federal leadership it is very reasonable for our state government to assume more traditionally national duties. The federal government withdrew from the Paris accord thereby further threatening the worlds climate stability. Your immediate response of taking it on as as a state prerogative and recruiting others to join is very clever and appears likely to have a significant effect. It is telling though that the group currently represents more than a quarter of the US population but less than a seventh of the carbon dioxide emissions. The federal government is increasingly incoherent on health care policy. The attempts to create a single payer system in California are a very encouraging response. Your thoughtful ideas around building this system are also very welcome.

Please assure me that you will continue to work for California solutions where the federal government is failing.

I am very proud to be a California resident and a large part of that derives from our historic leadership in thoughtful progressive policy innovations.

Sincerely,
Eric Babson