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## **Bloomberg Philanthropies Signs on as Headline Sponsor of 2018 Climate Leadership Conference**

*US Climate Alliance Joins as Government Partner as States, Cities and Businesses Step Up on  
Climate Action*

WASHINGTON – The Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) and The Climate Registry (TCR) are pleased to announce that Bloomberg Philanthropies will serve as headline sponsor of the 2018 Climate Leadership Conference. Bloomberg Philanthropies is stepping in to fill the void left by long-time sponsor, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which announced in August that it was discontinuing its support. At the conference, Bloomberg Philanthropies will work with climate leaders to advance America’s Pledge, an initiative co-chaired by Michael R. Bloomberg and California Governor Jerry Brown that aggregates, quantifies and showcases the potential of non-federal climate action in the United States.

The U.S. Climate Alliance, a bi-partisan coalition of states that is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions in line with the goals of the Paris Agreement, has also announced that it will be supporting the Climate Leadership Conference as the Government Partner.

“The EPA may no longer be in the business of recognizing American climate leadership, but across the country there are state officials, mayors and businesses who are driving the climate agenda forward,” said Dan Firger of Bloomberg Philanthropies. “We are pleased to sponsor this year’s Climate Leadership Conference to showcase the best of what’s possible when government and business come together to achieve America’s Pledge on climate change.”

"States and local communities throughout the U.S. are proving that climate action can improve our health and quality of life, and can even save money," said Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper. "Colorado is proud to host this year's Climate Leadership Conference where innovation and success is honored. It is through collaboration and forward thinking that we will be able to address the immense challenges of a changing climate."

Now in its seventh year and co-hosted by C2ES and TCR, the Climate Leadership Conference and accompanying Climate Leadership Awards brings together over 400 climate, energy, and sustainability thought leaders from the public and private sectors. This year's conference and awards will be held February 28 – March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Four Seasons Hotel in Denver, Colorado. Bloomberg Philanthropies' support ensures that cities, states, and companies will retain an important platform for collectively moving the nation toward meeting the goals of the Paris Agreement.

"We are seeing a new wave of actors from beyond Washington step into the leadership void," said C2ES President Bob Perciasepe. "America's Pledge and Bloomberg Philanthropies are playing an indispensable role in convening business and local leaders. Their support means that the Climate Leadership Conference will continue to bring together thought leaders from the public and private sectors to address climate change through policy, business, and technology solutions."

"We don't have time to lose in the fight against climate change, and supporting and recognizing the actions of U.S. business and government leaders will ensure we continue to make progress," said Ann McCabe, Interim Executive Director of The Climate Registry. "We are grateful to Bloomberg Philanthropies for their support of the 2018 Climate Leadership Conference, and are pleased to welcome the U.S. Climate Alliance as our Government Partner."

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**About Bloomberg Philanthropies:** Bloomberg Philanthropies works in more than 120 countries around the world to ensure better, longer lives for the greatest number of people. The organization focuses on five key areas for creating lasting change: Arts, Education, Environment, Government Innovation and Public Health. Bloomberg Philanthropies encompasses all of Michael R. Bloomberg's charitable activities, including his foundation and his personal giving. In 2016, Bloomberg Philanthropies distributed over half a billion dollars. For more information, please visit [bloomberg.org](http://bloomberg.org) or follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and Twitter @BloombergDotOrg.

**About the U.S. Climate Alliance:** In response to the U.S. federal government's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement on climate change, Governors Andrew Cuomo, Jay Inslee, and Jerry Brown created The United States Climate Alliance. This bi-partisan coalition of states is committed to the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement. Smart, coordinated state action can ensure that the United States continues to contribute to the global effort to address climate change.

**About The Climate Registry:** The Climate Registry (TCR) is a non-profit organization governed by U.S. states and Canadian provinces and territories. TCR designs and operates voluntary and compliance greenhouse gas (GHG) reporting programs globally, and assists organizations in measuring, reporting and verifying the carbon in their operations in order to manage and reduce it. TCR also builds GHG MRV capacity in sub-national and national governments, and is spearheading innovative new projects such as the National Energy Efficiency Registry (NEERRegistry.org) and water-energy GHG guidance. Find out more at [www.theclimateregistry.org](http://www.theclimateregistry.org) and follow on Twitter @theclimatereg.

**About C2ES:** The Center for Climate and Energy Solutions (C2ES) is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to forge practical solutions to climate change. Our mission is to advance strong policy and action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote clean energy, and strengthen resilience to climate impacts. Learn more at [www.c2es.org](http://www.c2es.org).