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Several years ago, the Coalition published a report entitled Renewable Electricity Standards: State Success Stories. The preface begins,

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Recent reports by the U.S. Department of Energy’s National Laboratories this month confirm once again that gubernatorial and legislative leadership is creating thousands of jobs and providing enormous environmental benefits. There are now 29 states with renewable portfolio standards (RPS), and those states are benefiting as a result. Nearly 60 percent of new renewable electricity capacity since 2000 is directly linked to state RPS requirements. The total renewable electricity demand under the collective state RPS policies is expected to double by 2030.

Iowa is among the states that laid the foundation for today’s renewable energy industries. In 1983, Iowa Governor Terry Branstad signed the nation’s first renewable energy standard. More than 30 years later, Iowa will soon generate more than 40 percent of its energy from wind and solar energy. Rhode Island extended and expanded its Renewable Energy Standard law requirements in June 2016 by requiring 38.5 percent renewables by 2035.

Here are a few other recent examples of state renewable energy leadership:

- In Illinois, Governor Bruce Rauner signed into law last month a bill that set Illinois’ RPS at 25 percent by 2025, largely achievable with wind and solar energy.
• In Michigan, Governor Rick Snyder signed into law legislation that raises the state’s renewable portfolio standard from the current 10 percent to 15 percent by 2021.

• In Ohio, Governor John Kasich vetoed legislation that would have made Ohio’s RPS ineffective. In his veto message, he said the bill would curtail “progress by taking away some of those energy generation options, particularly the very options most prized by the companies poised to create many jobs in Ohio in the coming year.”

• South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, North Dakota, Minnesota, Idaho, Colorado, and Oregon are just a few of the states that are now generating 10 percent or more of their electricity from renewable energy sources.

It is our hope that the new Administration and Congress will recognize the vital role that renewable energy now plays in our states’ economies — creating jobs and strengthening national security. As the nation’s governors have demonstrated, strong state renewable energy policies support the energy growth our nation needs.

Sincerely,

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