

Colorado Coalition for a Livable Climate on Colorado Joining the U.S. Climate Alliance and Executive Order D 2017-015

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Fort Collins, CO – Yesterday, Governor Hickenlooper announced that Colorado will join the U.S. Climate Alliance. He also released an Executive Order titled “Supporting Colorado’s Clean Energy Transition,” in which he set forth new climate goals for our State.

The Colorado Coalition for a Livable Climate (CCLC) is pleased that Colorado will join the U.S. Climate Alliance. The CCLC partnered with over 40 other Colorado organizations in June to call on Governor Hickenlooper to sign Colorado on as a member of that group. The U.S. Climate Alliance is committed to upholding the goal set forth by the United States Government when it signed the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement of reducing its greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 26% - 28% compared to 2005 levels by 2025.

In the Executive Order released yesterday, Governor Hickenlooper set a goal of reducing Colorado’s overall GHG emissions by at least 26% by 2025 compared to 2005 levels. Although this goal is consistent with the United States’ Paris Agreement goal, it is **not** consistent with the best available science. To limit the global average temperature rise to 1.5° C (2.7° F), the entire world would need to reduce its GHG emissions to zero by 2050. Reducing Colorado’s emissions by 26% compared to 2005 levels does not put us anywhere close to that path. **In fact, the goal established yesterday by Governor Hickenlooper would put us on a path toward catastrophic global climate change that is only slightly less steep than the “business as usual” path.**

Since 2015, the CCLC has called for Colorado to reduce its statewide GHG emissions to zero by 2030. **We repeat that call today, and demand that Governor Hickenlooper establish new interim goals that will contribute to preserving a livable climate for future generations.**

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