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Welcome to the 2018 Energy Leadership Summit!

I was fortunate to join leaders from around the world at last month's Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco. We launched new commitments and accelerated actions in the fight against climate change. Marking achievements by states, regions, cities, companies, investors and individuals, our roles are more crucial than ever. So too for my fellow governors in the U.S. Climate Alliance, which I co-founded and co-chair, as the administration in D.C. continues to lag or even look backward.

The West Coast represents the world's fifth largest economy and I'm proud that our state is a forerunner in creating a low-carbon blueprint for other regions. We are building a thriving economy that embraces a zero-emissions future. I co-founded and co-chair the U.S. Climate Alliance, and I now co-chair the [Under2 Coalition](#) for North America. In San Francisco, Washington state joined the International ZEV Alliance and the [Under2](#) Zero Emission Vehicle Challenge, which commits us to transition all state vehicle fleets to zero-emission vehicles by 2050. All new sedans in our Washington fleet will be electric by 2020.

We have the first-in-the-nation Clean Air Rule, and a new executive order on State Efficiency and Environmental Performance guiding us. Protecting our incredible Pacific Northwest natural resources is an obligation and a huge economic opportunity, led by electrification of our transportation system.

- Electric vehicle adoption in Washington has grown from 8,000 in 2013 to 35,000 today, with a target of 50,000 by 2020.
- EV charging stations are increasing and we are advancing ultra-high speed rail.
- Our Maritime Blue initiative is advancing electric ferries and a sustainable marine industry.
- Updated energy codes and investments in energy efficiency are improving the built environment.
- We recently launched the largest-ever purchase of green power for state operations – over 100 million kWh of electricity from wind and solar projects by 2021.
- Our Clean Energy Fund will have invested over \$120 million in grid modernization, energy efficiency, renewables and research and development here since 2013.

Along with Oregon, California and British Columbia, Washington is also part of the [Pacific Coast Collaborative](#). The PCC is working across borders to build a low-carbon regional economy.

These commitments and policies are foundational to exciting business opportunities that are strengthening communities and creating family-wage jobs. This Energy Leadership Summit, presented by the CleanTech Alliance and Northwest Environmental Business Council, has earned a reputation as one of the most important annual gatherings of the energy industry, policymakers and economic development professionals.

You are inventing our low-carbon economy, attracting private capital investment from around the globe by envisioning and building the state's clean energy sector, and the world's clean energy future. Thank you for your leadership! I look forward to seeing what new ideas and partnerships emerge.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay Inslee".

Jay Inslee  
Governor

