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To: State OAG Leaders [list kindly provided by Brian Mahanna][please share this email with your Attorney General]

From: David J. Hayes

Re: State Energy & Environmental Impact Center at the NYU School of Law

I hope that you received word about the formation of the State Energy & Environmental Impact Center (State Impact Center) at the NYU School of Law. NYU issued a [press release](#) on the formation of the Center, and it also was referenced in recent articles in the [Washington Post](#) and [in Greenwire](#).

I am writing to give you and your Attorney General more information about the new State Impact Center.

The goal of the State Energy & Environmental Impact Center is to enhance the resources that your office has to champion your citizens' interests in clean energy, climate change and environmental matters. We admirer the

vitaly important work that you have been doing in this area and are dedicated to giving more support to you, and other Attorneys General – regardless of party affiliation -- who pursue clean energy, climate change and environmental issues.

As explained on our [NYU web site](#), the State Impact Center looks forward to providing assistance to interested AGs in a number of ways.

First, our Center will have three full time attorneys who will be available to provide direct legal assistance to interested AGs on specific administrative, judicial or legislative matters involving clean energy, climate change, and environmental interests of regional and national significance. We look forward to developing a working relationship with your offices and serving as a source of ideas, materials, and contacts on these matters. In that regard, we will maintain a set of on-going relationships with advocates working in the area, and we also are identifying pro bono services that may be available to your offices on individual matters. We are engaged with ethics experts and individuals in some of your offices to ensure confidentiality and work product privilege for matters that State Impact Center attorneys work with you on.

Second, our Center will have a full time communications expert experienced in the clean energy, climate and environmental field to work with, and help leverage, the communications resources in your offices. It is a primary goal of the State Impact Center to draw regional and national attention to the important clean energy, climate and environmental initiatives that your offices are pursuing.

Third, we have funding to recruit and hire 10 NYU fellows who will serve as Special Assistant AGs, working as part of the state OAG's staff. It's in everyone's interest that we work with the relevant AGs and hire these lawyers as soon as practicable.

I have inserted below language from our website which lays out the process for placing NYU fellows as SAAGs. **Please note the September 15 application date.** This deadline is coming up quickly. We set a short deadline at the request of several AGs who are anxious to get the process for placing NYU Fellows into AG offices as soon as possible.

### **How to Hire an NYU Fellow**

The State Impact Center is announcing an opportunity for state attorneys general to recruit and hire a limited number of NYU Fellows with five to 10 years of experience in clean energy, climate change, and environmental issues as special assistant attorneys general (SAAGs). These SAAGs would be available for a two-year period to provide a supplemental, in-house resource to attorneys general and their senior staffs on clean energy, climate change and environmental matters of regional and national importance.

State attorneys general who are selected for this program will work cooperatively with the State Impact Center to recruit and hire NYU Fellows as SAAGs. NYU Law will pay the salaries of the SAAGs, and the State Impact Center will provide ongoing support to the SAAGs and their offices. Once hired, however, the SAAGs' duty of loyalty shall be to the attorney general who hired them.

## **Basic Eligibility Requirements and Application Process**

The opportunity to potentially hire an NYU Fellow is open to all state attorneys general who demonstrate a need and commitment to defending environmental values and advancing progressive clean energy, climate change, and environmental legal positions. Initial funding will support a limited number of NYU Fellows in state attorneys general offices for a two-year term, with the possibility of adding additional NYU Fellows in year two of the program.

Candidates who are approved by the attorneys general and the State Impact Center will receive offers to serve as SAAGs (or the equivalent appropriate title within the office) from the attorneys general, based on an understanding that they will devote their time to clean energy, climate change and environmental matters.

**Interested state attorneys general should prepare an application as detailed below and return it to [stateimpactcenter@nyu.edu](mailto:stateimpactcenter@nyu.edu) no later than Friday, September 15, 2017.**

The State Impact Center will review all applications received for completeness and will contact attorneys general if additional information is needed. State Impact Center staff are available for questions regarding this program.

### **Application Requirements**

To be considered for the NYU Fellows/SAAG program, an application must contain the following:

#### **1. Program Eligibility and Narrative**

State attorneys general should describe the particular scope of needs within their offices related to the advancement and defense of progressive clean energy, climate change, and environmental matters. Relevant details include the extent to which funding or other capacity constraints have limited the ability to work on these issues or how additional dedicated support could help advance the work of the state attorney general on behalf of his or her constituents.

Priority consideration will be given to state attorneys general who demonstrate a commitment to and acute need for additional support on clean energy, climate change, and environmental issues of regional

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