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Brian:

Here are some talking points for your DAGA call tomorrow. Also attached is an internal Q&A document.

- NYU School of Law expects to announce tomorrow the creation of the State Energy & Environmental Impact Center dedicated to supporting state attorneys general who are pursuing clean energy, climate change, and progressive environmental initiatives.
- The non-partisan State Impact Center will support state AGs in these efforts in a number of ways, including providing legal, analytic, and communications support, as well as facilitating coordination across multiple AG offices.
- One of the first and primary functions of the State Impact Center will be to support capacity-building within state AG offices through the hiring of NYU Fellows who will work in selected AG offices on clean energy, climate change, and environmental matters.
- State AGs who are interested in the NYU Fellow opportunity will be able to apply to the State Impact Center for support, and the Center will be selecting offices based on criteria such as demonstrated commitment to progressive environmental laws and policies and immediate need for additional capacity in this area.
- Selected offices will work together with the State Impact Center to recruit and hire NYU Fellows with five to ten years of experience in clean energy, climate change, and environmental issues to serve as Special Assistant Attorneys General (or an appropriate title for the particular office).
- The salaries of the Fellows will be paid by NYU law, but they will be stationed in AG offices and report to the state AG.
- The State Impact Center expects to launch its website tomorrow, in connection with the announcement, and there will be information available there on how to apply to participate in the NYU Fellows program.

I also hope that you'll describe your role in helping make this happen and perhaps introduce me as the Executive Director and Ricky Revesz as the Chair of the Center's Advisory Council. Other members of the Advisory Council are Dan Firger of Bloomberg Philanthropies and former AGs Anne Milgram & Bruce Babbitt, and me.

Let me know if you need more. Thanks for doing this!

David

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**Talking Points Q&A**  
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**Why is this Center being created today?**

State attorneys general (AGs) have a unique role in defending the citizens of their states from environmentally destructive actions and in advocating for the clean energy, climate change, and environmental interests of their constituents. The State Energy & Environmental Impact Center (State Impact Center) is dedicated to helping state AGs fight against regulatory roll-backs and other actions that undermine key clean energy, climate change, and environmental values and protections.

**What is the Center's relationship with NYU School of Law?**

The Center is a part of NYU School of Law, where it joins other centers and institutes that participate in non-partisan scholarship and advocacy in important policy areas.

**Where will the center be located?**

The State Impact Center operates out of the NYU School of Law, but its staff will be based primarily in Washington, D.C. Also, NYU fellows hired as special assistant AGs will be located in state AG offices.

**Who runs the Center?**

The executive director of the State Impact Center is David J. Hayes, former deputy secretary and chief operating officer of the Department of the Interior for Presidents Clinton and Obama. A five-member advisory council will provide advice and oversight to the State Impact Center. The advisory council is chaired by Richard Revesz, Lawrence King professor of law and dean emeritus at NYU Law, and includes State Impact Center Executive Director Hayes; Daniel Firger of the environment program at Bloomberg Philanthropies; Anne Milgram, former attorney general for New Jersey and now professor of practice and distinguished scholar in residence at NYU Law; and Bruce Babbitt, former attorney general and governor of Arizona and secretary of the Interior during the Clinton Administration.

**Will the Center have a particular issue focus?**

The State Impact Center will support state attorneys general on clean energy, climate, and environmental initiatives of regional or national importance, such as those matters that cross jurisdictional boundaries or raise legal questions or conflicts that have nationwide applicability.

**Will the Center operate in a non-partisan manner?**

Yes. The U.S. has a long history of bipartisan support for clean energy, climate change, and environmental initiatives. The State Impact Center will work with AGs that embrace progressive positions on these issues, regardless of party affiliation.