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CALIFORNIA AND NINE OTHER STATES ARE TEAMING UP AND SCREAMING GREEN ON AN ENERGY PLAN TO GO 100% GREEN BY 2045

BOSTON -- In the wake of Environment California's successful campaign to commit the Golden State to 100 percent clean electricity generation by 2045, Environment America is launching a multi-year campaign to convince governors and legislators in other states to set similar goals to transition to clean energy. Environment America, a national network of state environmental groups, announced it will push bills promoting 100 percent clean energy in at least nine states:

Massachusetts, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Michigan, Illinois, Minnesota, New Mexico and Washington.

"We face enormous environmental challenges. We need solutions that match the scale of those challenges," said Rob Sargent, Environment America's clean energy program director. "This country has the capacity to power itself more than 100 times over with solar energy alone. We need to take that potential and turn it into reality by getting on the path toward a future of renewable energy. This campaign is designed to do just that, state by state."

Environment America's "100% Renewable" campaign aspires to get 10 states to set ambitious renewable energy targets within five years. Both Hawaii and California now have laws requiring 100 percent clean electricity by 2045.

The renewable revolution isn't only happening at the state level. Growing awareness of the environmental impacts of our energy use, coupled with rapid advances in technology and declining costs, has made renewable energy the "go-to" option for many communities and businesses. One hundred U.S. cities, led by a mix of Republican and Democratic mayors, have committed to transition their power sources to 100 percent renewable energy. In addition, 131 major companies, including Bank of America, Walmart and Anheuser-Busch, have pledged to power their entire operations with renewable energy.

"Renewable energy technologies are gaining momentum because they're pollution-free -- which means they're healthier for both us and the earth," said Sargent. "It should be a no-brainer for other states to follow Hawaii and California's lead. But we have to convince states to act as soon as possible."

There is not one part of me that believes "the green team" who thought of this great idea will be destroyed by the people running, (and stealing) things, in government, but best wishes. (Read More)