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Re: Nomination of Andrew Light as U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Assistant Secretary of International Affairs

On behalf of the governor-designated State Energy Directors from the U.S. states, territories, and District of Columbia, the National Association of State Energy Officials (NASEO) applauds the nomination of Andrew Light as DOE Assistant Secretary of International Affairs.

Acting Assistant Secretary Light brings significant breadth and depth of expertise to the DOE's Office of International Affairs. During his tenure as Senior Adviser and India Counselor to the U.S. Special Envoy on Climate Change in the U.S. Department of State, as well as staff climate adviser in Secretary of State John Kerry's Office of Policy Planning, Acting Assistant Secretary Light built partnerships and strategies with long-lasting impacts on greenhouse gas emissions reductions efforts at the international, national, and local levels. His analytical and academic work in diverse organizations such as the World Resources Institute and George Mason University has been pivotal in shaping clean energy cooperation.

NASEO and our members are enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to Acting Assistant Secretary Light's vision for subnational dialogue and collaboration across nations on the opportunity to build more environmentally sustainable, economically viable, and equitable energy actions.

We encourage the Committee to move quickly to confirm Acting Assistant Secretary Light.

Sincerely,

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