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As recognized by the global community in the Paris Agreement, climate change concerns and connects all humankind. It represents an urgent and potentially irreversible threat to human societies, particularly the poor and the vulnerable, as well as to the environment and our global economy. There has never been a greater need for international cooperation - addressing climate change requires ambitious action by all countries.

California and Scotland have set ambitious climate and clean energy goals; both jurisdictions seek to cut greenhouse gases 80% by 2050. California and Scotland both recognize that there are significant economic benefits in jobs, investment, growth and trade of clean energy and the low carbon economy from taking swift action to combat climate change, and that failing to do so will cost future generations dearly.

California and Scotland recognize the vital importance of leadership, action and cooperation by states, provinces, and other sub-national jurisdictions, and seek to capitalise on the huge potential of the Under2 MOU, the ambitious commitment to bold and decisive climate action covering over one billion people and over a third of the global economy to which both jurisdictions are signatories.

In the coming years, there will be crucial opportunities for the Governments of California and Scotland to influence higher global ambition on climate change, and to work together to support concrete climate action through the opportunities set out in the Under2 MOU:

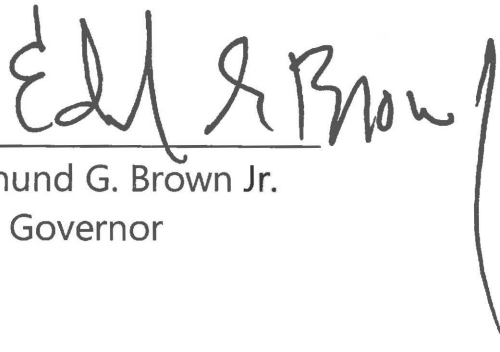


- Scotland and California will support the efforts of other state, regional and city signatories to the Under2 MOU to share ideas and best practices on how we have reduced greenhouse gases and expanded renewable energy development, including by providing expert staff support to other jurisdictions and leading working groups within the Under2 MOU Coalition on these and related topics;
- Through the Under2 MOU Scotland and California will also share information and best practices with other signatories on how we have undertaken long-term, deep decarbonization planning;
- Scotland and California will work individually and together to raise international attention to the actions and ambitious reduction goals of climate leaders at a subnational level around the globe, including at key upcoming international climate and energy conferences and summits, in the lead-up to 2018 and beyond.

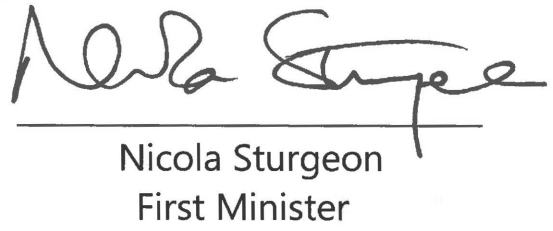
California and Scotland's cooperation as outlined in this letter will firmly demonstrate the collective impact of the commitments across states, regions, cities, and countries that are signatories to the Under2 MOU.

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