

The following statement was made on 11/24/15 by CT, DE, DC, NY, RI and VT upon the release of Georgetown’s report, *Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions From the Transportation Sector: Opportunities in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic*:

“Our states are committed to addressing the critical challenge of climate change, which is already affecting our states and communities. To meet this challenge, we will need to achieve significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions from all sectors of our economy. Our states have already made significant progress, but more work needs to be done.

Since 2010, our states have been working together through the Transportation and Climate Initiative to develop the clean energy economy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the transportation sector. The TCI has developed into a robust partnership with a proven record of accomplishment, including launching the Northeast Electric Vehicle Network; carrying out a program of research to promote sustainable communities; completing analysis of freight flows throughout the region; and working to address barriers to the use of information technologies supporting clean transportation.

A recent report by the Georgetown Climate Center provides information on potential economic and emission reduction benefits that could be achieved through clean transportation policies in the region, suggesting that substantial greenhouse gas emission reductions on the order of 29 to 40 percent from 2011 levels by 2030 may be feasible on a regional level and could bring economic benefits to our states.

Our states will work together through the Transportation and Climate Initiative to develop potential market-based policies that, when combined with existing programs, are targeted to achieve substantial reductions in transportation sector emissions and provide net economic benefits.”

Also released on 11/24/15 was the following supportive statement from New Hampshire Gov. Maggie Hassan:

“New Hampshire has long been a leader in efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emission and address the impacts on our state from climate change. Through market-based programs like the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI), we are seeing reduced emissions from the power sector and greater investments in efficiency, but we know that there is more work needed to address climate change, particularly in the transportation sector, the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in the state.

Working with our partners around the region in the Transportation and Climate Initiative, we will continue to work to reduce emissions from the transportation sector and enhance our transportation choices in New Hampshire.

The report released today by Georgetown Climate Center highlights the potential local economic benefits that would be realized through enhanced clean transportation policies. This body of work will help to inform new strategies to strengthen these efforts and create a more innovative, efficient, and resilient transportation infrastructure.”

