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Subject: EPA/State Discussions for ECOS Spring Meeting

Ken and Henry,

John and I wanted to follow up with you as we reflect on the productive meeting with the RAs two weeks ago and anticipate a busy and productive engagement with EPA at the upcoming ECOS meeting in St. Paul next month. Thank you for enabling the RA meeting and all the outreach, coordinating, listening, and advocating you have been doing with and on behalf of states. We appreciate it very much.

The meeting with the RA's set a solid foundation for productive interactions with them going forward, the next of which is when we all convene in St. Paul in March. We are building in time on the agenda for a dialogue with the RA's and there will be many side meetings on the various aspects of Cooperative Federalism 2.0 that ECOS and EPA are actively engaged in. We want to connect with you and Henry soon to discuss the overall purpose and strategy for the St. Paul meeting, as well as reflect a bit together on how things are going now that we are collectively one year into Cooperative Federalism. We believe that the regular interaction we are establishing with EPA is a top priority for states and want to explore with you how this is going from EPA's perspective to ensure that states are adding value to your efforts to conduct Cooperative Federalism. The following is a starter list of topics we look forward to exploring with you as we prepare for the St. Paul meeting:

- What are the expectations of a consistent and productive State Leader/Regional Administrator relationship, including how issues should be handled if they include EPA headquarters?
- We learned from Henry that each region is going to be asked to track interactions and requests from the states in their region. As part of redefining the norms of the Commissioner/RA relationship, this metric could be very useful and we look forward to discussing how this can drive the type of interaction we all desire.
- How can the RAs and Commissioner's support the emerging products of the Oversight group, specifically the elevation protocol and consistent implementation efforts; and that of the compliance assurance group specifically the consistent implementation of the enforcement principles and the NEIs.
- What can State commissioners do to support the RAs in their day-to-day work? We recognize that our continued interaction must be mutually beneficial and are open to exploring where and what state leaders can do to help EPA be successful.
- How EPA's lean events results can best hook up with state efforts to maximize each of our productive outcomes.
- How the metric systems for evaluation of our respective responsibilities we are each developing can mesh and reinforce each other to produce better environmental protection as well as more efficient interactions.

Let us know if this is a good list from your perspective. Feel free to add anything that you think would be beneficial going forward. We believe it is vitally important to take our interactions into the specific processes and behaviors we want to see from each other given that our principles and commitment to cooperative federalism are well aligned at this time.

Thanks and we look forward to talking soon. Let us know who we should work with to get something on all of our calendars.

Cheers, Todd and John

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