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**Subject:** RE: Save the Date: America First Energy Conference 2018  
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Thanks, Michael, for your reply and for the quick phone call we just had. And nice to make your acquaintance, Hayley and Kelly.

We still have that prime evening speaking slot open (7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 7), so if there is someone else from EPA who would be able to come down and talk about the agency's agenda under Wheeler's new leadership, we'd be glad to have them.

Just let me know.

Best,

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**Cc:** Burton, Tamika; Ford, Hayley; Kunding, Kelly  
**Subject:** RE: Save the Date: America First Energy Conference 2018

Jim,

As we discussed, we regret that Acting Administrator Wheeler will no longer be able to make the trip down to New Orleans next month. Thank you so much for your understanding.

Michael

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**Subject:** RE: Save the Date: America First Energy Conference 2018

Michael and Tamika,

I know it's been a crazy 24 hours for you both and everyone at EPA. This email exchange confirming Mr. Wheeler for a dinner keynote came just about an hour before the news broke yesterday.

I presume we're still on for this on the evening of August 7 in New Orleans, and I stand by to answer any questions.

BTW, just some basic info: Our conference is open press, and we've set aside 30 minutes for Mr. Wheeler's remarks. He can leave himself time for Q&A, or not. His choice.

Looking forward to hearing back.

Best,

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**Sent:** Thursday, July 05, 2018 2:17 PM  
**To:** 'Molina, Michael'  
**Cc:** Burton, Tamika  
**Subject:** RE: Save the Date: America First Energy Conference 2018

That's great! We're honored to have him on our program. Thank you for all your help.

I'd like to announce to the press on Monday that he'll be delivering the closing keynote address at the dinner. Will that work for you?

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**To:** Jim Lakely  
**Cc:** Burton, Tamika  
**Subject:** Re: Save the Date: America First Energy Conference 2018

Jim,

Thank you for the email. Yes, the Deputy Administer will be attending. Tamika will work with you to finalize any details.

Michael Molina

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 5, 2018, at 2:24 PM, Jim Lakely <[JLakely@heartland.org](mailto:JLakely@heartland.org)> wrote:

Michael and Tamika,

I hope you both had a great Independence Day.

I'm just checking back in about DA Wheeler's availability to deliver a dinner keynote speech at The Heartland Institute's America First Energy Conference on August 7 in New Orleans. I understand he's also wanting to participate in the ALEC meeting the following day at the same hotel. That's perfect, since we scheduled our conference for the day before and in the same hotel precisely because we wanted to attract people who would be attending both.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Regards,

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**Subject:** RE: Save the Date: America First Energy Conference 2018

Carly,

Fantastic. We're thrilled that DA Wheeler is strongly considering one of our keynote slots at the America First Energy Conference 2018. I have him penciled in on my board for the dinner keynote at 7:30 p.m.

Nice to meet you, Tamika and Michael. Let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

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**Cc:** Burton, Tamika; Molina, Michael  
**Subject:** RE: Save the Date: America First Energy Conference 2018

Hi Jim,

Thanks so much for the quick chat. It was great to hear that America First is interested in having DA Wheeler speak at the event in New Orleans. As I mentioned, I'm connecting you here with Michael Molina, the Deputy Administrator's senior advisor, and Tamika Burton, who can help with any other details and confirming his attendance.

Best,

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**Subject:** FW: Save the Date: America First Energy Conference 2018

Hi Jake,

Kelly had passed along this invite from you all to see if the Deputy Administrator might be able to attend. He is interested, but I wanted to touch base with you to see if you are open to his participation.

Thank you!

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**Subject:** RE: Save the Date: America First Energy Conference 2018

Stephen,

I've attached the form. Please let me know if there are any problems with my entries.

NOTE: I put May 11 as a "deadline" for acceptance, *but that is not firm*. I'm happy to change that and resubmit if these forms routinely allow more time, but two weeks immediately struck me as appropriate.

When is your next scheduled meeting? We have site up for the event, though there is not much there at the moment as the program is still in flux.

<http://americafirstenergy.org/>

You can see what happened at last year's conference in Houston – including Administrator Pruitt's video address to our audience – at the link below.

<http://americafirstenergy.org/videos/>

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**To:** Hewitt, James; Aaron Stover  
**Cc:** Jim Lakely  
**Subject:** RE: Save the Date: America First Energy Conference 2018

Aaron,

Thanks so much for reaching out. I will bring up the America First Energy Conference on August 7 in New Orleans at our next scheduling meeting.

In the meantime would you please fill out the attached form? This will help expedite the process tremendously. You can send the form back to me when completed.

Thanks so much.

-Stephen

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Thanks for reaching out Aaron. I am looping in Stephen Gordon who is with our Office of Public Engagement.

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**Subject:** FW: Save the Date: America First Energy Conference 2018

James,

I didn't get a chance to say hi but really enjoyed your Tuesday event, as scientific transparency is an issue Heartland has been promoting for years and it's fantastic to finally see this manifested at the EPA.

As we discussed at the Heritage meeting earlier this month, Heartland will be hosting our next America First Energy Conference on August 7 in New Orleans. We would be honored to have Administrator Pruitt speak and the participation of EPA, please see the event details below. I've cced Heartland's Director of Communications Jim Lakely, who is overseeing the conference. We hope you will be able to join us, and in the meantime have a great weekend.

Best regards,  
Aaron

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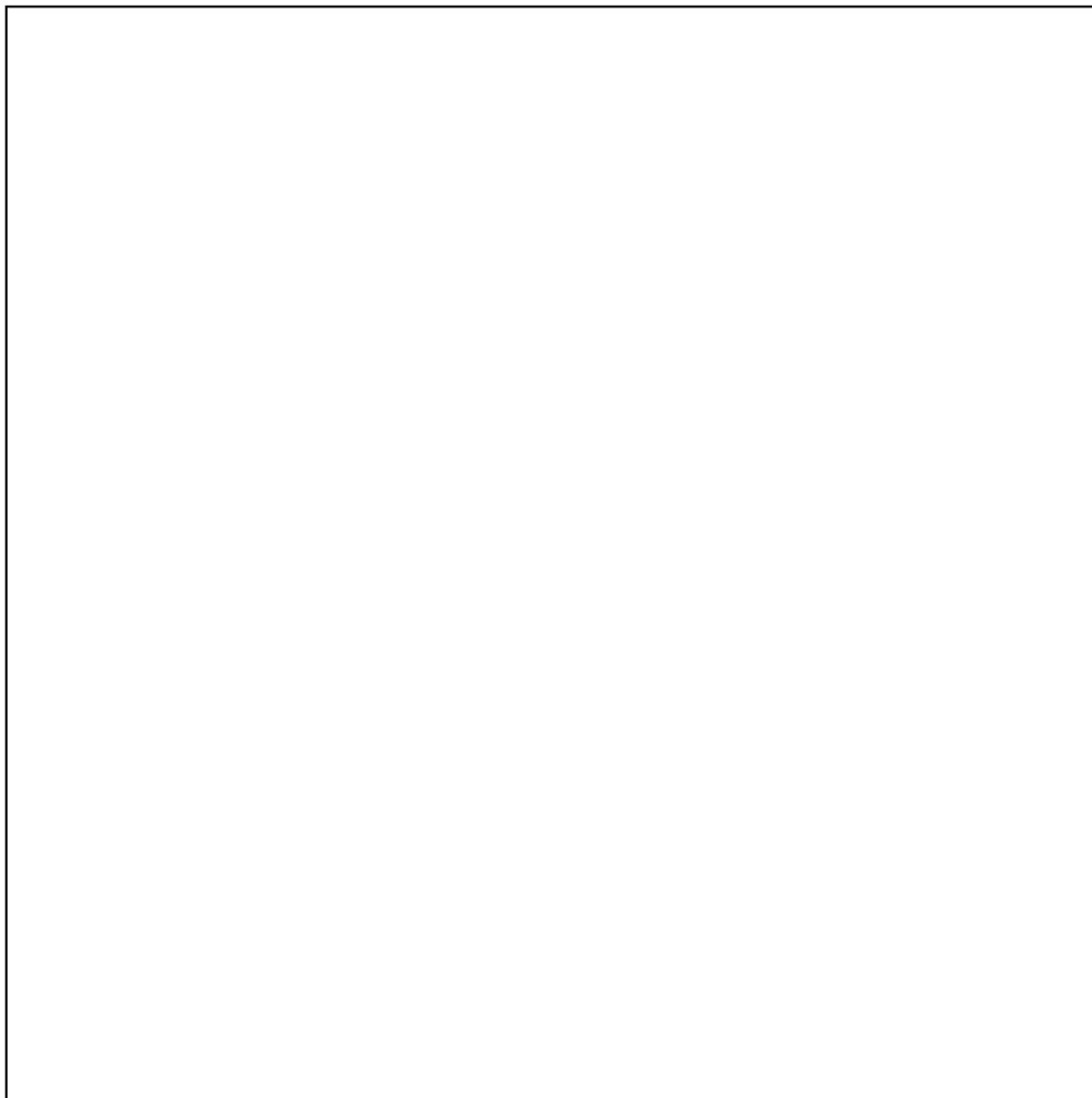
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### Save the Date: America First Energy Conference 2018

Mark your calendar for The Heartland Institute's America First Energy Conference at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in **New Orleans** on **Tuesday, August 7, 2018**. Come join us as we delve into President Trump's pioneering energy policies after last year's successful event in Houston, Texas.

The **America First Energy Conference 2018** will feature more than 30 presentations from acclaimed scientists, economists, elected officials, representatives from the Trump administration, and energy industry leaders. Join hundreds of state and national elected officials, think tank leaders, and policy analysts for this informative, networking opportunity.

In just over a year, President Trump's "America First Energy Plan" has revamped U.S. climate and energy policies, spurred economic growth, and restored **energy freedom**. In New Orleans, we will examine Trump's energy accomplishments so far, and explore what's on the horizon ... aside from more drilling rigs off the Louisiana shore.

As Heartland President and CEO Tim Huelskamp stated in the program for the 2017 America First Energy Conference, "We can put America first. We can take the lead in powering the world and growing our economy. We can continue guiding the protection of Earth's air, land, and water."

Admission is free for regulators, elected officials, and legislative staff. A limited number of hotel accommodations and travel scholarships will be available for lawmakers who are members of Heartland's Legislative Forum. **Conference registration for legislators and staff will open May 7.** To RSVP before registration begins, please contact Arianna Wilkerson, government relations coordinator, at [awilkerson@heartland.org](mailto:awilkerson@heartland.org) or call 312/377-4000.

*Disclaimer: This event is not affiliated with the American Legislative Exchange Council's Annual Meeting.*

## What We're Working On

### Education

Strike Voucher Would Help Keep Oklahoma Students in Classrooms during Teacher Walkouts

In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson and Lennie Jarratt, Heartland's project manager for the Center for Transforming Education, propose solutions to a potential statewide, illegal teachers strike by the Oklahoma Education Association, which would begin on April 2. Benson and Jarratt describe how strike vouchers and Student Opportunity Scholarships could prevent future strikes and keep Oklahoma children in their classrooms while unions, state officials, and school districts duke it out in the collective bargaining process.

### Budget & Tax

Research & Commentary: States Continue to Enact Disruptive Sales Tax Holidays

Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans describes how sales tax holidays are an accounting trick that rewards businesses more than consumers in this *Research & Commentary*. "A state that has a competitive sales tax system does not need sales tax holidays. State legislators should focus on creating a permanent, less-complicated sales tax system that benefits consumers with lower rates, instead of using a temporary tax gimmick that benefits only a small number of companies," wrote Glans.

### Health Care

Research & Commentary: New Hampshire Considers Rolling Back Medicaid Expansion

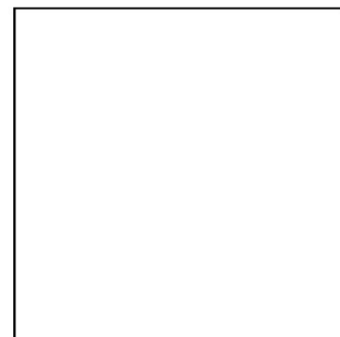
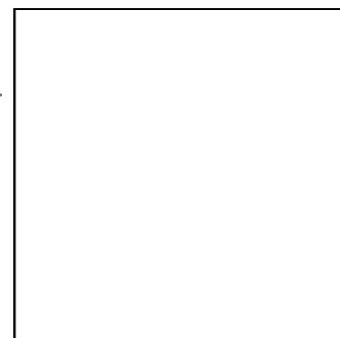
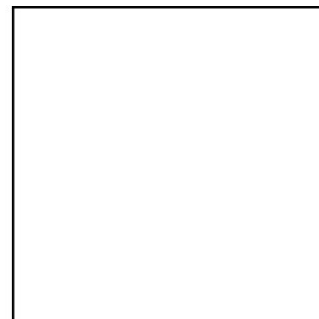
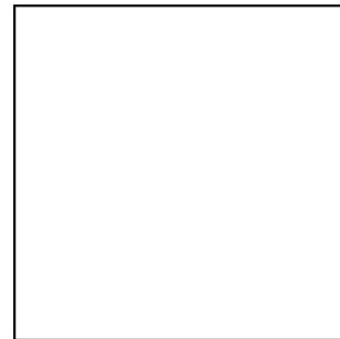
In this *Research & Commentary*, State Government Relations Manager Charlie Katebi discusses a proposal to reform New Hampshire's Medicaid program by implementing work requirements for able-bodied, childless adults. "By limiting Medicaid exclusively to those in need, New Hampshire would ensure its program is well-equipped to provide a reliable safety net for the state's truly vulnerable," wrote Katebi.

### Energy & Environment

Coal is Green

Fred Palmer, Heartland's senior fellow for energy and climate, debunks coal energy myths in the latest video installment of *Flashes of Freedom*. In a pithy manner, Palmer dispels the notion that coal is "dirty" because state-of-the-art, clean coal power plants emit almost zero emissions. Palmer also discredits the idea that carbon dioxide is "dirty," arguing CO<sub>2</sub> is a "benign gas required for life on Earth."

### From Our Free Market Friends



In the February issue of *Budget & Tax News*, Lindsey Schulenburg reports on proposed ordinances in Springfield, Missouri, that would require

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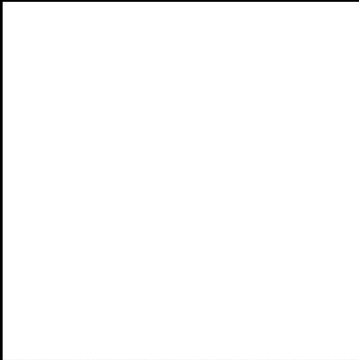
The Cascade Policy Institute released a new study on Oregon's 1.5 million acre portfolio of Common School Trust Lands (CSTL). If Oregon sold its CSTL holdings, the Common School Fund would increase 600 percent. Oregon only makes \$4.25 per acre, which is the lowest among nine western states with CSTL portfolios. Between 2013 and 2015, Oregon's CSTL portfolio lost more than a \$1 million in net operating income. CSTL mismanagement and low sales figures leads to fewer funds for Oregon's public schools. Lobbying and litigation from environmental groups also decreased Oregon's CSTL returns. These groups contend that commodity production is outdated, unnecessary and wish to end the sale of public lands.

hosts on Airbnb, and similar online platforms, to purchase annual business licenses and occupancy certificates from the city. They would also limit the number of hosts allowed in a neighborhood.

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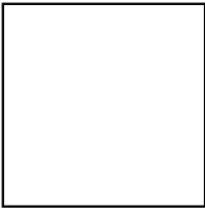
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