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American Clean Power Week

This first-ever American Clean Power Week is a fitting occasion to recognize California's nation-leading efforts to build a 100 percent clean electricity system that meets the needs of today and will take us into the 22nd century.

The state has made tremendous strides toward realizing the electricity system of the future. We met our interim target of 33 percent of electricity from renewable energy by 2020 two years ahead of schedule and we now have a grid powered by 63 percent carbon-free energy – wind, solar, storage, geothermal energy, plus large hydroelectric generation and nuclear. We are well on the way to our target of 100 percent clean energy by 2045. But there is still work to do to decarbonize our grid and electrify our economy.

Earlier this year, we announced a historic agreement with the federal government to advance offshore wind along the California coast. Together with the Legislature, we advanced nearly \$20 million dollars to assess and develop the infrastructure we need to support this new offshore wind industry. California made a historic commitment to end the sale of new gas-powered cars by 2035, took decisive action to phase out fracking and oil extraction, and we're exploring how to achieve carbon neutrality no later than 2035. Additionally, oil production has been on the decline in California for decades, and the state is on track to meet its ambitious 2030 climate goal, which will result in a 45 percent reduction in demand for transportation fuels.

California is home to more than 485,000 clean energy jobs and the state's renewable energy industry leads the nation in growth. In partnership with the Legislature, I've advanced a historic \$15 billion climate package that includes a \$3.9 billion investment to support the state's Zero-Emission Vehicle goals.

Amid worsening climate impacts across the West, we're taking bold action to scale up and speed up our transition to a safe, affordable and reliable energy future that benefits all our communities. This week, I encourage all Californians to learn more about how our ambitious clean energy goals have cut emissions, created jobs and kept our state at the forefront of energy innovation and development.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gavin Newsom".

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