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# California and Canada Sign Climate Change Partnership Agreement

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Top officials in California and Canada on Thursday signed an agreement to cooperate on climate change.

The memorandum of understanding, although not legally binding, promotes clean transportation, technology, biodiversity, plastics management, and climate change adaptations. Last month, top officials from California and New Zealand signed a similar pledge.

“Regardless of what’s happening in Washington, D.C., we are a reliable partner,” California Gov. Gavin Newsom (D) said at the event.

1. “Where the federal government is unwilling or because of logjams—and in this case, Republican interference—unable to actually move forward on the kind of climate leadership necessary,” Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said, “state governments and cities step up.”
2. California is a member of the U.S. Climate Alliance, a coalition of 23 states and Puerto Rico aiming to achieve net-zero collective greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.
3. California is the world’s fifth largest economy, and Canada is the state’s second-largest export market.
4. The California Air Resources Board, which regulates greenhouse gas emissions, signed a 2019 agreement to promote cleaner vehicles, engines, and fuels to reduce pollution and combat climate change. The state also has 2009 agreements with Quebec and British Columbia.

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