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Governor Irwandi Yusuf
Province of Aceh
Republic of Indonesia

Members of the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force
3rd Task Force and Stakeholder Meeting
Banda Aceh
Province of Aceh
Republic of Indonesia

Dear Governor Yusuf and Members of the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force:

I am writing to wish you a very positive and productive third meeting of the Governors' Climate and Forests Task Force and Stakeholders. Thank you for so generously hosting this important meeting in Banda Aceh later this month. I am confident that the discussions taking place at this meeting will foster further understanding of shared climate change mitigation objectives and greater cooperation among the Task Force provinces and states to achieve these goals.

Regretfully, Illinois will be unable to attend the Aceh meeting in person. However, we remain committed to actively participating in the Task Force, and to collaborating with the other members – both fellow U.S. states and our international partners – to advance the development and implementation of policies that protect our planet's forest resources to combat climate change. To that end, we will continue to play a leadership role in the Midwest Greenhouse Gas Reduction Accord process and in working to bridge the three regional cap-and-trade programs emerging in the U.S., as well as in protecting our own state's precious forests and open lands.

Please accept my sincere best wishes for the upcoming Aceh meeting and for continued partnership among our countries, provinces, and states.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Quinn".

Pat Quinn
Governor