



White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs Update

Welcome to the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs local update. In this week's update the White House releases the third National Climate Assessment and explains what climate change will mean for your community, we share a video on the President's Year of Action, and feature state and local officials who are taking action to raise the wage for workers across the country.

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What Climate Change Means for Regions Across America



President Barack Obama tours a field with farmer Joe Del Bosque, his wife Maria, and California Gov. Jerry Brown in Los Banos, Calif., Feb. 14, 2014. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

On Tuesday, the White House released the third [National Climate Assessment report](#), by far the most comprehensive look ever at climate change impacts in the United States.

Based on four years of work by hundreds of experts from government, academia, corporations, and public-interest organizations, the Assessment confirms abundant data and examples that climate change isn't some distant threat -- it's affecting us now.

The third National Climate Assessment lays out, at an unprecedented level of comprehensiveness, clarity, and detail, how climate change is affecting every region in our country and key sectors of our national economy.

This document will be an exceptionally useful tool to utilize in local work on climate and issues related to climate moving forward.

For more information, [check out the fact sheet and highlights of the report](#) and [state-by-state fact sheets on the impacts of climate change](#).

2 Minutes and 24 Seconds of Action



The President made clear in this year's State of the Union address that wherever and whenever he can take action to expand opportunity for more American families, he's going to do it -- with Congress or without.

While Republicans in Congress have set records in obstruction and inaction, the President has steadily acted on his own, and with state and local partners, to help build real, lasting economic security for the middle class.

[President Obama won't wait for Congress -- find out what he's done already in the latest video.](#)

Join the President in the Year of Action to Raise the Minimum Wage



On Tuesday, Governor Martin O'Malley signed legislation adding Maryland to the growing list of states following the [President's call to raise the minimum wage](#) for workers across the country. On Wednesday, Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter announced he is taking action at the local level to increase the minimum wage for city contractors and subcontractors to \$12 an hour starting in January.

[As the President said last week](#), he believes that no one working a full-time job should have to raise a family in poverty. Most Americans agree. In fact, around three out of four Americans support raising the minimum wage. That's why we're asking state and local officials across the country to join the President to make this a year of action and raise the minimum wage.

In the year since the President first called on Congress to raise the federal minimum wage, [10 states and the District of Columbia](#) have passed laws to increase the minimum wage and numerous cities and counties have taken action to raise wages for residents, employees and contractors.

[Tell us what your community is doing to raise the wage](#) and find out more at whitehouse.gov/raise-the-wage.

Updates

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