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PART OF THE CLIMATE SOLUTION**

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**If we do nothing, temperatures in Alaska are projected to rise between 6 and 12 degrees by the end of the century, triggering more melting, more fires, more thawing of permafrost, a negative feedback loop, a cycle --- warming leading to more warming ---- that we do not want to be a part of. And the fact is that climate is changing faster than our efforts to address it. That ladies and gentlemen must change. We're not acting fast enough.**

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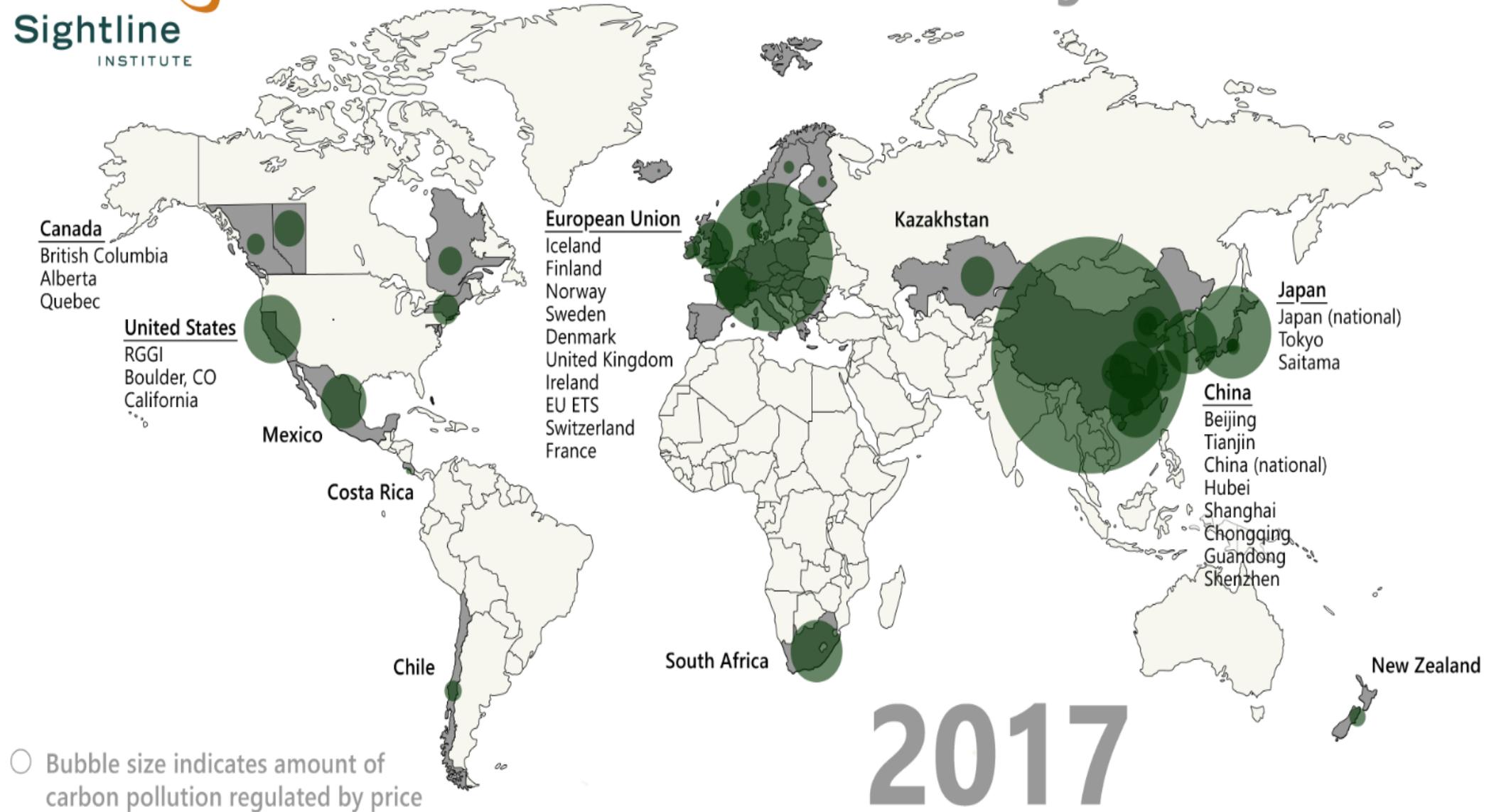
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# Key Climate Actions for State of Alaska

- ▶ Develop a multi-agency task force that will partner with federal entities in the design and provision of technical planning support for communities experiencing direct and acute impacts of climate change. Coordinate this effort with the Denali Commission's new role to assist Alaska's most vulnerable village.
- ▶ Reduce natural gas venting and flaring on the North Slope and Cook Inlet through strong enforcement of Alaska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission's existing policies that minimize "waste." (20 AAC 25.235).

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- ▶ Immediately direct state agencies to lead by example. There are a number of things the state can do to both reduce GHG emissions and motivate others to act. The state pays the electric and heating bills on thousands of buildings that need energy audits and retrofits. Taking this action is also consistent with the mandate to retrofit public buildings found in SB 220 passed in 2010.
- ▶ Reach out to the Governors of Washington, Oregon and California and the Premier of British Columbia to join in the regional approach of the Pacific Coast Action Plan on Climate and Energy.
- ▶ Immediately send a clear signal to all state agencies that borrowing funds through AHFC or similar programs to finance energy retrofits on public buildings is a top state priority. It is crucial that the Administration work to remove barriers to borrowing money aimed at reducing energy waste.



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- ▶ Create an Independent System Operator that would rationalize transmission and generation planning in the Railbelt. An ISO would ensure more efficient dispatch of the grid, saving fuel, money for consumers and GHG emissions. It would also set one universal transmission tariff, thus removing a significant barrier to renewable energy development providing certainty and predictability to all energy developers in the Railbelt.
- ▶ Align and integrate the functions of various state departments, corporations and agencies that deal with energy efficiency and renewable energy to eliminate redundant efforts and provide accelerated progress toward the state's goals in these areas enunciated in 2010.



## Per Capita Emissions

- ▶ In 2010, 713,000 Alaskans emitted more GHGs than 3.5 million residents of Connecticut.



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