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Subject: Introduction re energy efficiency: Dan Esty (CT Dept of Energy & Environment) and Christian Soura, Gov Haley's office (SC)

Dan --

I hope this finds you well. Great to see you in DC a few weeks back. Would love to catch up at some point generally.

By this email, I'm taking the liberty of introducing you to Christian Soura, deputy chief of staff to Governor Haley in SC. He's also an alum of the Rendell administration in Pennsylvania. Governor Haley recently approached Mayor Bloomberg about funding a study that help SC create an energy efficiency program for residential; it was in a number of ways reminiscent of some of the things we discussed a year or so ago. I don't know where your work on this stands, but given where Governor Haley is on the political spectrum it seemed to me that not only would you have some useful collegial suggestions for Christian for the general sake of the planet, but there might be a great opportunity for a bipartisan collaborative effort on this issue. As you know, Mayor Bloomberg's funding has thus far virtually all gone to municipal government in the US, so I don't know whether this will ever be something he would fund, but it certainly seems fundable to me in general and perhaps in the right circumstance for us.

I'm also connecting Christian to the Energy Foundation.

Christian — Dan Esty is the Commissioner for the Dept of Energy and Environmental Protection in Connecticut. He's a long-time environmental policy guru, and a professor at Yale among several other distinctions. And a generally good guy.

I hope you two can connect at some point.

Thank you

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