With our allies, the Sierra Club’s Beyond Coal Campaign is committed to ending dirty coal pollution and powering America with 100 percent clean energy. With the generosity of Mayor Mike Bloomberg and others, we will amplify our existing success to achieve ever more ambitious goals—building a healthier, cleaner, more prosperous world.

The trends are clear: powered by grassroots efforts, the market has chosen clean energy over dirty coal. This gift will allow us to build on these existing achievements:

- Along with dozens of allies, the Beyond Coal Campaign has helped secured retirement commitments for 11 coal plants in 2017 and 10 since Trump’s inauguration—that’s one plant every 24 days—and we are now just a handful of plants away from securing retirement commitments from half of America’s coal fleet. In that same time, no retired coal plants have re-started, and no new plants have begun construction.

- One of the most notorious plants announced to retire during that period is Texas’ Monticello Plant which, by itself, causes or contributes to more than 5,800 asthma attacks, 156 premature deaths, and more than 23,500 lost or restricted work days every year, resulting in more than $1.5 billion in public health and lost productivity costs annually. For most of its existence, the plant burned some of the dirtiest coal in the nation and still lacks modern pollution controls. It is one of the nation’s top sources of lifetime mercury pollution, known to be toxic to the developing brains of babies and young children. But this massive polluter is now committed to retire.

- Also during this period, two of the largest coal plants in the nation were announced to retire by Dayton Power and Light, the Stuart (2400 MW) and Killen (600 MW) coal plants in Ohio. They marked the 250th and 251st coal plants to announce retirement since 2010.

- Because of work from Beyond Coal and allied groups, the largest coal export terminal in North America is dead, the last of 6 Northwest proposed coal export terminals to be defeated by tribal and community leaders. The Washington Department of Ecology denied a necessary water quality permit for the proposed Millennium Bulk Terminals coal export facility in Longview, citing the project’s negative impacts on climate, clean air and water. Absent a successful legal challenge to the decision, the denial renders the project formally dead—meaning communities at home and abroad will be free from dirty coal pollution.
• After two years of work, the Northeastern states making up the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative agreed to their strongest limits on carbon pollution yet, deciding on a 30 percent emissions reduction by 2030 from 2020 levels.

• **Clean energy has surged during this time period,** with AEP and Xcel both announcing the two largest clean energy projects in US history in 2017. Retiring coal plants have opened up new market opportunities for renewable energy, which has raced to fill them and is now cheaper than coal in most parts of the country.

   *In large measure because of wins like this, coal’s share of the energy mix has declined to historic lows.*

   *This is a huge victory for public health in America. And with the generous gift announced today, we will do even more.*

• **Despite rhetoric from Pruitt and Trump,** by 2020 we expect to see **two-thirds of U.S. coal capacity on track to retire.** With this huge boost in new funding we will go from today having secured retirement of nearly 50 percent of coal plants and retiring one-third of installed coal capacity to a realistic goal of, by 2020, retiring 65% of plants and more than half (56%) of installed capacity.

• By 2020 the U.S. will be leading the world in coal retirements and carbon emissions abatement. By retiring and replacing all of this coal with clean energy by 2025 we will cut US emissions enough to close the gap toward achieving our Paris climate goals by 60-90 percent.