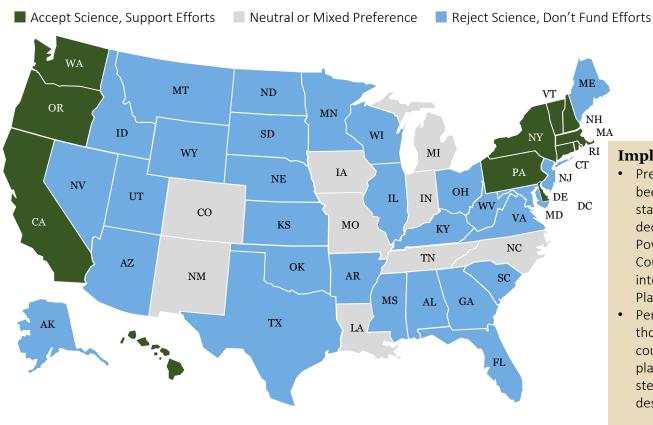
# Majority of States Have Leadership that Do Not Support Climate Change Efforts

**Stances of Attorney Generals and Governors on Climate Change** 



#### **Implications**

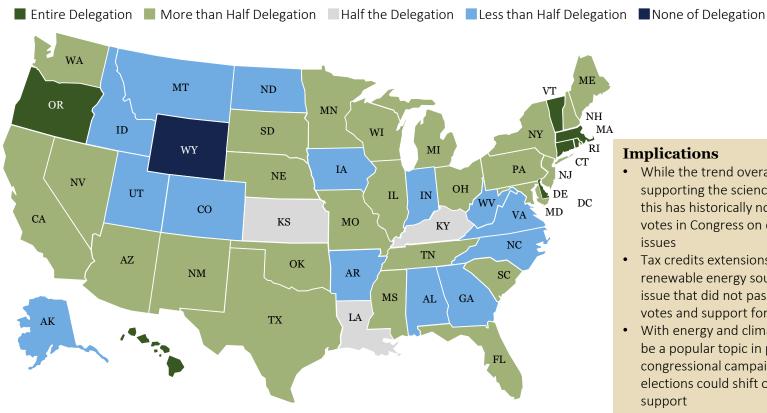
- President Obama's Clean Power has been met with mixed reactions by the states, with 26 Attorney Generals deciding to sue the EPA and the Clean Power Plan was stayed by the Supreme Court, while 17 states have filed to intervene on behalf of the Clean Power Plan
- Pending the outcome of the lawsuit, those states that have little support could face a tough time implementing a plan particularly if they have taken no steps to begin implementing a plan despite the stay on the Clean Power Plan

Source: Source: The Center for American Progress Action Fund, "2016 State Climate Guide United States," May 4, 2016.

## In Congress, Stronger Support for Climate Change **Initiatives than at State Level**

## **Stances of Congress on Climate Change**

By Proportion of Delegation that Support Climate Science and Vote Accordingly



### **Implications**

- While the trend overall skews to supporting the science of climate change this has historically not translated to votes in Congress on environmental issues
- Tax credits extensions for several renewable energy sources were a recent issue that did not pass due to lack of votes and support for the initiatives
- With energy and climate change likely to be a popular topic in presidential and congressional campaigns, the 2016 elections could shift overall balance of support

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