This is another solution to the problem of applying 'Quick Filters' across multiple dashboards, including those that use multiple datasets.

I want users to be able to apply a quick filter on one dashboard and have them applied across all dashboards automatically. This works currently if all dashboards use the same data source, but isn't possible if using multiple data sources. The closest I can get to a solution is to use the 'Create a Filter Action on a dashboard' technique (http://kb.tableau.com/articles/knowledgebase/creating-filter-actions-dashboards). In the attached workbook I am using the 'States' worksheet as a filter on 'Dashboard 2. The list of states showing in the States filter is controlled by the existing Quick filter, however, by default none of the entries are selected on the 'States' worksheet filter, which means that all states will show on the report section of Dashboard 2 (i.e. no filter applied).

Looking at the 'Edit Filter Action' allows me to decide what to show when no entries are selected, i.e. 'Clearing the selection will:', but this doesn't give me any control over what is selected. By default no entries are selected.

What is needed is an option to 'Automatically select all when the filter list changes'.

If this is set, whenever the 'quick filter' controlling the list of values in the filter worksheet changes then all entries on the filter worksheet will be selected, thus applying the filter on the dashboard.

The filter worksheet ('States') could then be hidden (on dashboard 2) so that it can't be used independently of the quick filter.