



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
DENNIS DAUGAARD, GOVERNOR

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J. Read Smith
William Richards
Co-Chairs, 25 x '25 Steering Committee
1430 Front Avenue
Lutherville, MD 21093

Dear Mr. Smith and Mr. Richards,

I am writing to express my support for the 25 x '25 initiative. Plentiful, reliable, affordable energy is critical to our economy; developing renewable resources in a cost-effective manner should be a key component of responsible energy development.

South Dakota has strong renewable energy resources, including wind, hydro and biofuels, and has a robust agricultural industry as well. I am confident South Dakota's farmers and ranchers can be the vanguards of a renewable energy economy that does not overburden ratepayers or place added stress on the national economy.

Thank you for your efforts. I wish you the very best.

Sincerely,

Dennis Daugaard

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