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The 25x'25 Vision

The 25x'25 vision: By 2025, renewable energy from America's farms, forests and ranches will provide 25% of the total energy consumed in the United States, while continuing to produce safe, abundant and affordable food, feed and fiber.

This goal, developed by a group of volunteer farm and forestry leaders and organizations, is now gathering support from business, labor, conservation, environmental and religious groups. 25x'25 is building significant momentum with state policy-makers, including the support of Governors, Members of Congress and State Legislatures. Today, 25x'25 is the pathway to new economic opportunities, enhanced U.S. security, and a more prosperous and healthy future for our children.

Achieving the 25x'25 vision will have a wide range of benefits, including: reducing our dependence on foreign oil, creating new jobs in manufacturing and rural America, bringing new technologies to market, saving consumers money, and reducing urban smog and global warming. To this end, the 25x'25 partners are seeking broad Congressional support for 25x'25 as a national goal and assisting state alliances to ensure that its benefits are achieved.

Producing 25 percent of America's energy from renewable resources by 2025 will require new thinking about national priorities. It is a "stretch goal," but one well worth aiming for. Here are the facts:

- Renewable energy can be harnessed in every one of our 50 states – from resources like wind, solar, hydro, and biofuels.
- Renewable energy produces 10 percent of America's total energy today – slightly less than nuclear power – and is the fastest growing energy sector today.
- We can produce 70 billion gallons of ethanol, or 25% of our projected gasoline use in 2025, from farm and forest resources – including many waste materials.
- Texas' renewable energy requirement was so successful that its goal of 2,000 megawatts (MW) by 2009 was increased by the Texas Legislature in 2005 to a renewable-energy mandate of 5,880 MW by 2015. California is aiming for 33% by 2020.

Clean technologies and renewable resources are ready now, and 25x'25 will bring a new generation of clean energy to America at no additional cost. While conventional fuels, like oil and natural gas, have been less expensive than renewable energy, the price of these fuels has risen steeply in the last few years as our domestic supplies have tightened. Now renewable energy can save consumers money – by creating competition for gasoline in the form of ethanol and biodiesel, and by freeing up more natural gas to be used in homes and industry instead of power plants.

Going forward, 25x'25 partners—supported by the Energy Future Coalition, a non-partisan public policy initiative funded by foundations—will be working together to identify the steps needed to implement 25x'25 and achieve a secure, prosperous and sustainable U.S. energy future.