



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Mr. Brent Bailey
25x'25 State Alliance
107 Cedar Ridge Drive
Canton, MS 39046

Dear Mr. Bailey:

On behalf of Governor Nixon, I am pleased to inform you of Missouri's support for the goals of the 25x'25 Alliance. The time for bold action to reduce our dependence on foreign energy sources while supporting strong agricultural communities across this country has arrived.

Missouri's agricultural sector, including the forest products, is critical to the success of our economy. By promoting the accelerated development of plentiful, home-grown energy sources, we can keep energy dollars in our communities to promote a stronger economy. These new and expanding markets for agricultural products will create a new generation of good jobs that will allow our rural areas to thrive.

We also can enhance protection of our natural resources by producing cleaner energy sources in Missouri. This shift to more sustainable forms of energy production, combined with energy conservation initiatives will reduce the impact of our energy use on Missouri's air and water. The actions that your alliance promotes will enhance our national security as global energy demand resumes its rise with the recovery of the global economy.

I look forward to collaborating with the 25x'25 partners to promote an energy future that provides for sustainable economic growth, continued agricultural production, cleaner air and water as well as a reduced dependence on foreign sources of energy.

In the future, please feel free to contact Anita Randolph at (573) 751-2254 or at anita.randolph@dnr.mo.gov.

Sincerely,

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark N. Templeton", is written over a horizontal line.

Mark N. Templeton
Director

c: Governor Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon