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Mr. J. Read Smith
Mr. William Richards
25 x '25 Steering Committee, Co-Chairs
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Dear Mr. Smith and Mr. Richards:

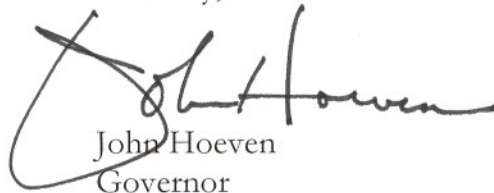
I write this letter to express my continued support for the 25 x '25 initiative.

The State of North Dakota has already made great commitments to the increased use of renewable resources and the push for energy independence. I specifically mentioned the 25 x '25 initiative in my State of the State address in January of this year. In a February press conference I joined legislators in highlighting our renewable energy package which included support of this initiative. Most recently, the 2007 North Dakota State Legislature formally adopted the goal of the 25 x '25 initiative as stated within HB 1462, and I gladly signed the measure on April 27, 2007.

In addition to the adoption of the 25 x '25 National goal, our state has approved plans to increase the research, utilization, and development of renewable energy sources.

Again, I am happy to offer my continued support for the National 25 x '25 initiative and I wish the committee the best as they work towards the goal.

Sincerely,



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