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The Honorable Mike Huckabee
Office of the Governor
State Capitol Rm 250
Little Rock, AR 72201

Dear Governor Huckabee:

I have written the co-chairs of the national 25x'25 renewable energy initiative to offer my support to their efforts by endorsing 25x'25. Now, I am writing my Coalition colleagues and urging you to support this important effort.

The vision of 25x'25 is that America's farms, forests and ranches will provide 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States by 2025. At the same time, they will continue to produce safe, abundant and affordable food, feed and fiber. Meeting the 25x'25 goal through the expanded production of biofuels, solar, wind and other renewable energy sources will create new economic opportunities, enhance national security, and promote a bright future for the nation.

While the 25x'25 initiative began in the agricultural sector, the organization is now working to spread the word and develop partnerships in other interest sectors across the nation. The 25x'25 initiative is also highly complementary to the Coalition's efforts to expand ethanol production and use.

In fact, partners of 25x'25 were instrumental in aiding the Coalition in our successful efforts to both establish a Renewable Fuels Standard through passage of the *Energy Policy Act of 2005*, and to gain greater visibility for ethanol issues as demonstrated in the President's State of the Union address. Working collaboratively with partner organizations, the Coalition is now poised to significantly expand federal funding for ethanol research and development – an effort, which will deliver necessary research dollars to state universities, industry, and others focused on important ethanol production advances.

If you would like to learn more about 25x'25 and others who have signed on to endorse this bipartisan effort, visit <http://www.25x25.org/>. You also might want to ask your Secretary of Agriculture about 25x'25.

As the Chair of the Governors' Ethanol Coalition, I would like to enlist all the Coalition's member governors to stand behind 25x'25. It's important to all of us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Sebelius, Chair
Governor of Kansas