



DISCUSSION POINTS:

25x'25 Action Plan: Charting America's Energy Future

- The *25x'25 Action Plan: Charting America's Energy Future*, provides a policy framework for the public and policy makers to use to achieve the 25x'25 goal: ***By the year 2025, America's farms, ranches and forests will provide 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States, while continuing to produce safe, abundant and affordable food, feed and fiber.***
- The *25x'25 Action Plan* was developed by the 28 member national Steering Committee based on the consensus views and policy recommendations of a widely based, grassroots coalition of more than 400 agricultural, forestry, business, labor, environmental, and civic organizations.
- To achieve a 25x'25 Energy Future three actions are required.
 - First and foremost, we are asking Congress to establish 25x'25 as the nation's renewable energy goal.
 - Second, through the *25x'25 Action Plan*, we're asking Congress to establish and fund the policies required to achieve 25x'25. The Action Plan lays out 35 specific recommendations to move the nation to a new energy future – one that is defined as 25 percent renewable. Congress must commit to funding the policies required to achieve the goal of 25x'25 and sustain that funding. Current renewable energy expenditures, combined with the new spending associated with our policy recommendations can be funded with less than 10 percent of what the United States spent on foreign oil in 2006.
 - Third, we are asking the American public to invest in this future by building and developing new grassroots partnerships and alliances among their civic, political and educational organizations and advocating for a 25x'25 nation.

Why invest? Here are the benefits of 25x'25 energy future:

- An increase of \$700 billion in new economic activity annually by 2025.
- A boost to farm income of \$180 billion, including \$37 billion in 2025 alone.
- The creation of four to five million new jobs.
- A reduction in oil consumption by 2.5 million barrels per day – 10 percent of U.S. projected consumption in 2025.
- A reduction in greenhouse gas emissions by 1 billion tons – two thirds of projected emissions growth by 2025.

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Action Plan Policy Recommendations:

The *Action Plan* envisions the production of 65 to 85 billion gallons a year of biofuels, and the generation of 800 billion kilowatt-hours a year of electricity (400 billion each from wind and biomass).

The *Action Plan* provides new incentives for farmers and foresters to use agricultural and forestry residues, and to grow dedicated energy crops for cellulosic biofuel production.

The *Action Plan* provides incentives for a new generation of refineries to turn energy crops and feedstocks into fuel.

The *Action Plan* would increase increasing federal government purchases of renewable electricity to 25 percent by 2025.

The *Action Plan* would establish a new national Renewable Energy Credit trading market.

The *Action Plan* calls for the creation of expanded network of pipelines, rail lines, pumps, ports and other shipping facilities, and new pipeline and shipping opportunities for renewable fuels and feedstocks.

The *Action Plan* makes energy efficiency improvements the option of first choice in all energy decisions.

The *Action Plan* would ensure that a significant private and public investment is made in renewable energy to achieve of the 25x'25 goal.

The *Action Plan* foresees increased consumer demand for biofuels and renewable electricity, along with greater numbers of flex-fueled vehicles and biofuel pumps.