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### **Congress Receives Renewable Energy Action Plan**

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Leaders from an alliance of agricultural, energy, environmental, business and labor groups presented Congress this morning with a plan for 25% of the U.S. energy supply to be made up of renewable fuels by 2025.

The 25x'25 Action Plan provides policy makers with 35 specific recommendations for meeting the ambitious energy goal, which the plan's Steering Committee says would cost only 5% of America's spending on imported oil in 2006.

The recommendations are based on the reviews and recommendations of over 400 organizations, including farm groups such as the American Farm Bureau Federation, environmental groups like the National Wildlife Federation, and General Motors.

The 25x'25 recommendations focus on increased production of renewable energy, expanding consumer demand, improved efficiency and resource conservation, and better infrastructure for renewable fuels. One recommendation calls for a new federal renewable energy requirement, an idea which some members of the Democratic Congress have supported but which the Bush administration says should be left up to individual states.

If the U.S. reaches the 25x'25 goal, the groups say it would generate \$700 billion in new annual economic activity, including a \$37 billion farm income increase in the year 2025; create four to five million new jobs; and reduce carbon dioxide emissions by 1 billion tons.