



JAMES E. RISCH
GOVERNOR

July 10, 2006

Mr. Earnest C. Shea
25 X '25 Project Coordinator
208 Meleanchton Avenue
Lutherville, MD 21093

RE: 25x25 Project Support

Dear Mr. Shea,

Idaho soundly supports the 25x'25 vision for America's energy future. Renewable energy must be a critical component of how we meet the strategic energy needs of the future. The 25x'25 vision is a bold and much needed initiative to address those needs.

Furthermore, I have focused a great deal of my public service to the economic development of rural Idaho. Idaho stepped up and made the financial commitment to start our first biodiesel production plant, and we remain committed to continue like efforts.

To support the 25x'25 initiative, I am appointing Pat Takasugi, Director of the Idaho Department of Agriculture, to coordinate efforts with 25x'25 coalition. I believe this effort is a step in the right direction of renewable energy development in Idaho and all of America.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James E. Risch".

James E. Risch
Governor

CC: Idaho Department of Agriculture
Director Pat Takasugi

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