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Mr. Ernest C. Shea
25x'25 Project Coordinator
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Dear Mr. Shea:

I am writing to express my support for the 25x'25 vision for America's energy future. The development of renewable energy resources is vital to ensuring our national security, furthering economic development, keeping our air and water clean, and increasing the viability of America's farms. The 25x'25 initiative is consistent with my priorities for Maryland's energy future.

Maryland will incorporate a five percent biodiesel blend (B5) into the diesel fuel the State uses. Over time I expect this percentage to increase. Maryland, through the Renewable Fuels Incentive Act of 2005, also provides incentives for the production of biofuels such as ethanol and biodiesel. The Clean Energy Incentive Act of 2006 provides a production tax credit for new electricity generation from clean, renewable resources.

I have the privilege of speaking at Maryland's first biodiesel production facility on Monday, June 19 and eagerly anticipate the opening of the first state-owned E85 refueling facility, which is scheduled to open in July in Baltimore. Renewable sources of energy are critical to Maryland's future, and I am encouraged that leaders across our nation are making commitments for a sustainable energy future.

To support the 25x'25 initiative, I have asked Frederick G. Davis, Director of the Maryland Energy Administration to work with the 25x'25 coalition to implement the goals in Maryland and nationwide. The Maryland Energy Administration leads an interagency renewable energy work group and is best positioned to lend support to 25x'25. I fully believe that through this cooperative effort we will successfully reach the 25 percent renewable energy goal.

Very truly yours,

Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

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