



STATE OF NEW YORK

GEORGE E. PATAKI  
GOVERNOR

June 13, 2006

Dear Governor Sebelius:

I am writing to endorse and lend my support to the 25x'25 renewable energy initiative. As American consumers struggle with the high costs of gasoline, there is tremendous opportunity for renewable, bio-based fuels like ethanol and biodiesel to improve our environment, create jobs and economic activity in rural areas, create new markets for our farmers, reduce our dependence on imported petroleum, and strengthen our energy security. The 25x'25 initiative will complement other efforts to make agricultural and forest-based resources a more significant part of America's energy portfolio.

New York State is committed to promoting the use of renewable energy technologies, increasing the use of alternative fuels, and enhancing energy efficiency. New York State has one of the most aggressive Renewable Portfolio Standards in the nation and invests more than \$300 million a year in energy efficiency and renewable energy programs. Recently, I proposed and the State Legislature enacted a number of energy initiatives that will further enhance New York's role in our nation's efforts to achieve energy independence, including a renewable fuel production tax credit and a \$20 million program to develop a pilot cellulosic ethanol facility.

New York State has also provided direct assistance to two announced ethanol production facilities that together will be producing over 150 million gallons of ethanol and consuming over 60 million bushels of corn a year, some of which will be grown by New York farmers. With these production facilities and others being planned, along with the development of new technologies to produce energy from biomass, New York can make a significant contribution towards the 25x'25 vision from its farm and forest lands.

These are significant steps that will help reinforce the goals of 25x'25 and make the production of renewable energy from America's working lands a national priority. Working together, we can achieve the 25x'25 vision where 25 percent of the total energy consumed in the United States be produced by America's farms, forests and ranches by the year 2025.

Towards this end, I will be directing New York State Agriculture Commissioner Patrick Brennan to offer his assistance to the 25x'25 partnership. As a member of the Governor's Ethanol Coalition and strong believer in the importance of renewable fuels to America's economy and security, I am proud to stand behind the 25x'25 partnership with complete confidence that we can help build a prosperous, secure and healthy future for our children.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "George E. Pataki". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent "G" and "P".

The Honorable Kathleen Sebelius  
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