Statement of Bart Ruth, chairman, 25x’25 Alliance Executive Committee, on President Trump’s budget proposal for fiscal 2018

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The 25x’25 Alliance is disappointed with President Trump’s budget proposal for fiscal 2018, though not surprised in that it adds details to the “skinny” budget proposal issued by the White House in March and maintains the same draconian cuts to the programs and services that benefit rural America and the production of clean energy from our farms, ranches and forestlands. However, it should be remembered that members of Congress have made very clear that the president’s proposal is just that – a suggested line of spending. Congressional budget writers can be expected to develop a fiscal 2018 budget that supports efforts to shore up our small towns and farming communities that have suffered economically over the past four years. Those efforts include renewable energy programs and initiatives that create jobs and boost local revenues. 25x’25 stands ready to work with lawmakers to develop a spending plan for the next fiscal year that meets the challenges facing America and includes solutions such as the development of wind, solar, biomass, biofuels, geothermal and hydropower energy resources.

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