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Governors and States Support 25x’25

Since its creation in 2004, 25x’25 has continued to gain momentum and attract support. The broad, bi-partisan coalition supporting this bold energy vision now includes several Governors, state legislatures, and leading political figures.

Supporting State Legislatures:

- Alabama
- California
- Colorado
- Florida
- Georgia
- Kansas
- Louisiana
- Mississippi
- Montana
- Nebraska
- North Dakota
- South Dakota
- Tennessee
- Vermont
- Illinois

**Governor Brian Schweitzer (D-MT)**

“I believe the time is right to develop a diverse mix of alternative fuels to replace our dependence on foreign oil.” *March 2006*

**Governor Mitch Daniels (R-IN)**

“Sign Indiana up. I’m happy to join Gov. Schweitzer and others in endorsing the 25 by 25 agenda.” *March 2006*

**Governor Dave Heineman (R-NE)**

“I believe that farmers and livestock producers have an important role to play in ensuring that the goal of America’s energy independence becomes a reality.” *March 2006*

**Governor John Lynch (D-NH)**

“It is time for us to act to secure our energy future, to create new jobs, and to increase our sources of renewable energy. That is what setting this goal will allow us to do.” *August 2006*

**Governor Butch Otter (R-ID)**

“...order the establishment of an Idaho 25x’25 renewable energy council...to develop coordinated approaches for Idaho’s agricultural and forestry sectors to produce 25% of the State’s energy from renewable sources by the year 2025.” *February 2007*

**Governor Mike Beebe (D-AR)**

“I believe that a strong cooperative effort among the states is essential if we are to succeed in the mission and goals of the 25x’25 Alliance.” *July 2008*

**Governor Steve Beshear (D-KY)**

“The increased use of renewable energy sources in Kentucky will greatly increase our energy security and minimize our carbon footprint, while relying on Kentucky’s vast natural resources and boosting Kentucky business sectors.” *August 2006*

**Governor Pat Quinn (D-IL)**

“This is a great opportunity to help protect our environment by utilizing our abundant renewable resources. Increasing our use of renewable energy creates jobs, strengthens the economy, and reduces our dependence on foreign oil.” *September 2009*

**Governor Robert Bentley (R-AL)**

“I am pleased to offer my endorsement of the 25x25 vision... Alabama is committed to decreasing our dependence on foreign energy sources and to securing our energy future while providing opportunities for rural economic development.” *April 2011*

**Governor Dennis Daugaard (R-SD)**

“I am writing to express my support for the 25x25 initiative... I am confident South Dakota’s farmers and ranchers can be the vanguards of a renewable energy economy.” *October 2011*
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**Former Governors**

**Governor Tim Pawlenty (R-MN)**
“Let’s lead the way and set a strategic goal of “25-by-25” — so that 25 percent of all types of our energy will come from renewable sources by 2025.”  
March 2006

**Governor Ed Rendell (D-PA)**
“I join Governor Daniels, Gov. Schweitzer and others, in endorsing 25x’25. This issue is one of the most significant or the most significant facing America’s future.”  
March 2006

**Governor Jeb Bush (R-FL)**
“Renewable energy is not only immensely beneficial to the environment, but also provides multiple benefits to rural communities and agricultural sectors…and creates new job opportunities.”  
May 2006

**Governor Kathleen Sebelius (D-KS)**
“Meeting the 25x’25 goal will create new economic opportunities, enhance national security, and promote a bright future for the nation.”  
May 2006

**Governor George Pataki (R-NY)**
“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.”  
June 2006

**Governor Robert Ehrlich (R-MD)**
“Renewable energy is vital to ensuring our national security, furthering economic development, keeping our air and water clean and increasing the viability of America’s farms.”  
June 2006

**Governor Jennifer Granholm (D-MI)**
“Our dependence on oil, coal and natural gas has negative consequences on our national security, climate, and economy. The agriculture sector holds the key to solving these problems.”  
June 2006

**Governor Tom Vilsack (D-IA)**
“We look forward to working with 25x’25 and the renewable energy interests to create economic opportunities for all renewable energy sources.”  
June 2006

**Governor James Risch (R-ID)**
“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.”  
July 2006

**Governor Jim Doyle (D-WI)**
“I commend the effort of the 25x’25 Alliance in building a strong and diverse coalition and I look forward to working with you in finding solutions that will help the entire country.”  
July 2006

**Governor Ernie Fletcher (R-KY)**
“I firmly believe that our farmers will play a major role in providing the energy need for this country in the future.”  
August 2006

**Governor Jim Douglas (R-VT)**
“25x’25 can help us create jobs in our rural areas, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, inspire new renewable energy technologies and reduce global warming.”  
August 2006
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Governor Bob Taft (R-OH)
“America can be a world-leader in reducing reliance on traditional energy supplies.” September 2006

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger (R-CA)
“Supporting our farms, forests, ranches and rural areas in producing renewable energy is good for the state’s economy, local job creation and the environment.” September 2006

Governor Bob Riley (R-AL)
“Alabama is eager to advance the development of renewable energy resources that will help secure our energy future while providing a unique opportunity for rural economic development.” November 2006

Governor Phil Bredesen (D-TN)
“I am pleased to endorse the 25x’25 Initiative… Tennessee's agricultural and forests products industry looks forward to helping our society meet this goal.” May 2007

Governor Bill Ritter (D-CO)
“Supporting the 25x’25 Action Plan will provide multiple societal benefits to our farms, ranches and working lands.” June 2007

Governor Brad Henry (D-OK)
“The 25x25 resolution is a statement of our state’s commitment to support the development of renewable energy sources… It won’t be an easy feat, but I believe we can achieve the goal of 25 percent by 2025.” November 2008

Governor Tim Kaine (D-VA)
“Bringing opportunities to our agricultural communities while protecting and improving our environment are key ingredients of a successful plan.” September 2006

Governor Bill Richardson (D-NM)
“We must continue to look for new ways to reduce our reliance on foreign oil and to increase production of domestic energy resources in an environmentally responsible manner.” November 2006

Governor Mike Rounds (R-SD)
“Increasing America's renewable energy use will bring new technologies to the market; save consumers money; reduce our dependence on oil; create good new jobs in rural America and South Dakota; and clean up the air and reduce carbon dioxide emissions.” May 2007

Governor John Hoeven (R-ND)
“In addition to the adoption of the 25x’25 National goal, our state has approved plans to increase the research, utilization, and development of renewable energy sources.” June 2007

Governor Sonny Perdue (R-GA)
“Increasing Georgia’s renewable energy use will bring new technologies to market and save consumers money, reduce our dependence on foreign oil, and create good new jobs in rural America.” October 2007

Governor Ted Strickland (D-OH)
“The jobs created in the research and deployment of new energy generating sources will revitalize Ohio and the nation.” August 2009

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