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Gentlemen:

This letter is to inform you that the State of Iowa will endorse and support the efforts of 25x'25. We look forward to working with the Governor's Ethanol Coalition to encourage all member governors to join this alliance for renewable energy.

Iowa has been very aggressive in establishing a Renewable Fuels Standard of 25% by the year 2020. We have facilitated the growth of ethanol production and biodiesel refineries which will soon make Iowa a net exporter of renewable fuels. With 26 ethanol plants in operation and 6 biodiesel refineries in production or being constructed we will lead the nation to energy independence. Iowa is also first in the nation for wind energy generation per capita and third in over all wind energy generation with 836MW currently and over 450MW soon to be under construction.

We look forward to working with 25x'25 and the renewable energy interests to create economic opportunities for all renewable energy sources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Vilsack".

Thomas J. Vilsack
Governor

