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Honorable Members of the Washington State Legislature

The Honorable Christine Gregoire  
Washington State Governor  
Legislative Building  
Post Office Box 40002  
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Dear Governor Gregoire and members of the Legislature:

As required by RCW 19.112.150, I hereby make my recommendation to the Legislature and the Governor on the implementation or suspension of the minimum renewable fuel content requirements specified by ESSB 6508, enacted in 2006.

That legislation establishes a statewide minimum renewable fuel use standard (RFS) for ethanol and biodiesel that requires two percent of all gasoline and diesel sold in the state to be ethanol and biodiesel, respectively.

In-state feedstock production for biofuels is low, however, your efforts over the last two years to establish a biofuels industry in Washington have positioned our state to successfully implement a two percent RFS. I therefore recommend to you that the renewable fuel content requirement be implemented, effective December 1, 2008, as specified under current law.

Enclosed is a copy of the August 2007 report of the Washington State Biofuels Advisory Committee. This committee provided valuable advice to me as I considered my recommendation to you.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to give me a call. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Valoria Loveland  
Director

Enclosure