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Members of the Bioenergy Interagency Working Group
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Dear Commissioners and Members:

The Bioenergy Interagency Working Group, led by the California Energy Commission, has taken an important step in drafting a Bioenergy Action Plan for California. I appreciate the efforts of the Working Group members to address the key issues affecting the sustainable development of California's vast and only partially utilized biomass resources. The draft plan reflects the views of the Resources Agency and its departments.

The Resources Agency recognizes the multiple benefits of harnessing the energy of California's agricultural, forestry, and urban wastes to achieve a suite of state policy objectives. Using biomass resources to produce power, fuel, chemicals and other valuable co-products can contribute to our state's fuel diversity, petroleum reduction, climate protection, and improved forest health. Further, biomass products provide a diverse set of business opportunities that will create well-paying, technical job opportunities for Californians.

Thank you for your efforts to recommend an integrated and comprehensive action plan addressing California's needs for an adequate energy supply that maintains the environmental protection the Resources Agency safeguards for Californians. I hope that this report will provide the basis of a long range plan and the impetus for short-term actions.

Sincerely,

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