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The Honorable Michael O. Johanns
Secretary
U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Jamie L. Whitten Building, Rm. 200-A
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Johanns,

The National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board at its October, 2006 meeting in Washington DC, reviewed the USDA Research, Education, and Economics mission area's bio-energy and bio-based products research initiatives. Enclosed please find the Advisory Board's report on this review along with bulleted recommendations.

The members of the Advisory Board were very please to see that you have included several of the recommendations this report contains in your proposal to Congress for consideration in the 2007 Farm Bill. We strongly support your efforts, and the Board remains dedicated to helping you in any way possible.

As always, I remain available to discuss our findings with you. Best personal regards.

Sincerely,



Martin A. Massengale
Chair

Enclosures

cc: Deputy Secretary Conner
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