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Mr. John Shenot, Policy Advisor  
Commissioners' Office  
Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 7854  
Madison, WI 53707

Dear Mr. Shenot,

As members of Assembly Committee on Agriculture we have been notified that the Governor's Task on Global Warming recommended that the state of Wisconsin develop and implement an advanced renewable tariff policy. The Task Force also recommended that the Public Service Commission (PSC) convene a docket to determine the production costs of various renewable energy resources. We are pleased to see that the PSC has in fact opened such an investigation to examine advanced renewable tariffs (ART) in Wisconsin and are hopeful that the effort will lead to greater uniformity in the ARTs offered by Wisconsin electric utilities.

As members of the Assembly Committee on Agriculture, we have a vested interest in ARTs for Wisconsin and the possibility that these policy mechanisms could help promote the swift development of renewable energy for our rural communities. We will continue to monitor the outcome of this effort and stand ready to offer further legislative leadership if necessary.

It is evident that the state of Wisconsin needs to take into serious consideration the importance of all forms of renewable energy as well as finding ways to encourage our small business owners and farmers that are involved to be financially successful in the process. One consideration that our committee is concerned about is the production and investment of anaerobic digesters and other renewable electricity technologies. We are well aware of the significant role that these digesters have in producing energy and obviously would be interested in future development in our rural areas of our state.

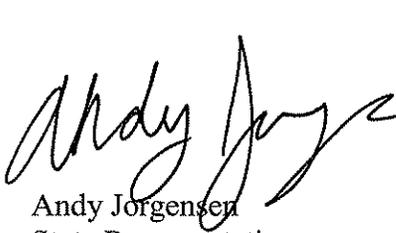
As members of this committee, we strongly urge the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin to continue to research and expand the availability for the use of ARTs offered by Wisconsin's electric utilities.

Sincerely,

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Chair Committee on Agriculture  
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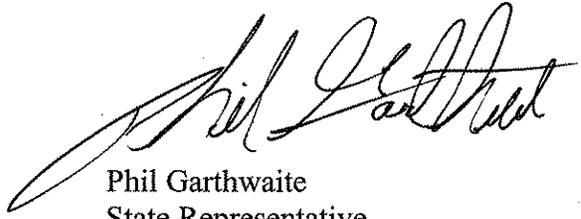
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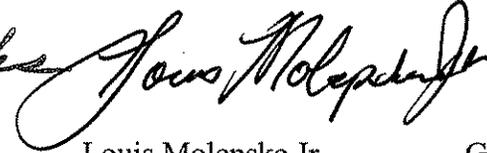
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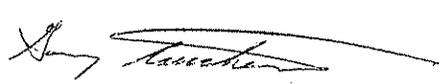
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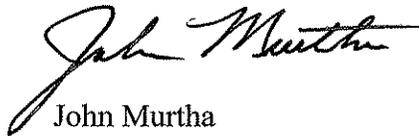
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