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The Honorable Craig Thomas
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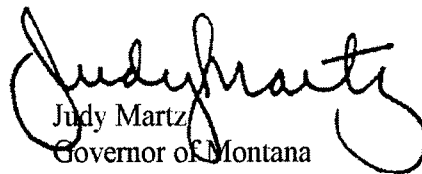
Dear Senator Thomas:

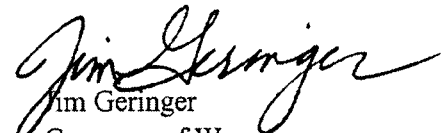
On behalf of the Western Governors, and indeed, on behalf of our entire region we thank you for your efforts to help craft a national energy policy. We are particularly grateful for your steadfast advocacy of an electricity title that would strengthen the reliability of the nation's electricity supply, while recognizing that there are material differences between regions in the ways that electricity is generated and transmitted. While we are disappointed that an energy bill was not completed during the 107th Congress, we know that it was not due to a lack of commitment or effort on your part.

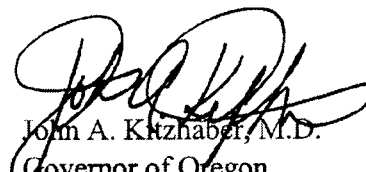
We would also like to note that Celia Wallace of your staff was extremely helpful to the Western Governors' Association during this process. Her dedication and professionalism are exceptional.

Thank you again for your efforts. The Western Governors look forward to working with you on this as well as other issues of importance to the West in the 108th Congress.

Sincerely,


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Jim Geringer
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