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## **Statement from Michigan Agri-Business Association on Snyder commitment to create state implementation plan for energy policy**

LANSING—**Jim Byrum**, president of the **Michigan Agri-Business Association**, released the following statement today regarding Gov. Rick Snyder’s decision to create a state energy policy implementation plan:

“The Michigan Agri-Business Association appreciates Gov. Snyder’s leadership to create a roadmap for Michigan’s energy future. We hope the governor will seize this opportunity to expand energy efficiency and renewable energy, both of which are important for farmers and agribusinesses across Michigan.

Michigan’s agribusinesses are unique and highly seasonal energy users that also grapple with some of the highest energy costs in the nation. Agribusinesses benefit greatly from energy efficiency. Energy efficiency offers certainty and savings for agribusinesses, and renewable energy generation reduces reliance on an energy infrastructure that’s stressed to the breaking point. We hope to see commonsense policy in the governor’s plan that expands energy opportunities for agriculture – including robust energy efficiency standards for utilities, and net metering opportunities for those creating renewable energy.

Gov. Snyder’s announcement paves the way for additional progress on energy, and our industry applauds him for his leadership.”

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