

# Support for the Washington State Renewable Fuel Standard and the Bioenergy Loan Program

**WHEREAS**, dependence on imported petroleum seriously compromises National Security and the environment, and combustion of petroleum is a major source of pollutants that contain critical components increasing global warming, and

**WHEREAS**, known world petroleum reserves are being depleted, and

**WHEREAS**, the need for environmentally safe products to ensure human health and continued production of food is increasing, and

**WHEREAS**, the economy of Washington State needs jobs and new industry, including our agriculture, technology, higher education, trade and manufacturing sectors, and

**WHEREAS**, petroleum-based fuel additives and pesticides are being removed from the market leaving limited viable alternatives available, and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Renewable Fuel Standard and the Bioenergy Loan Program will enhance our energy security by reducing the importation of foreign petrochemicals, and will increase the development of multiple value-added and secondary products made in the United States of America, and

**WHEREAS**, the Washington State Renewable Fuel Standard and Bioenergy Loan Program will provide incentives for developing a bioenergy industry in Washington State which will provide rural and urban jobs,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee (WSDCC) supports the Washington State Renewable Fuel Standard and the Bioenergy Loan Program.

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The WSDCC Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended a "Pass" at its January 28, 2006 meeting in South Seattle - Kent.

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