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Dear Governor Patterson, I own a 25 acre parcel of land that was farmed many years ago which is now a haven for numerous invasive plants. This year we are going to have it mowed and turned into biomass pellets that will sold as fuel. While we will receive no compensation for this product, the benefits are enormous. Our field will be renewed, the invasive plant species that threatened to overrun it will be removed, our tax bill will be lowered by changing our assessment to agriculture, the fuel is not imported from some foreign country where our soldiers are dieing for oil, America's energy needs can become more sustainable and green and I know I'm contributing to the solution and not only to the problem which makes me feel good. When you review the solutions for NY state's energy policy, I urge you to consider biomass fuel as a sustainable and serious alternative to liquid fuels. The impact of using what is already available in New York State cannot be overly stressed. Vast areas of unused farm land where weeds can be harvested for pellets. An eager and willing citizenship that wants to move forward into the 21st century and leave oil for blood behind. Jobs for the state. Cleaner energy. Proactive, not reactive solutions. NY state becoming a leader in the country once again. If this is not taken seriously as an alternative fuel source for the state, I ask what will it take for the politicians to wake up and do what's right? More wars? Higher unemployment? Higher taxes? More people leaving the state? Citizens revolting? What will it take for you to join the people and move forward into the 21st century. Respectfully submitted, Luann DeMare