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Dairyland's main interest in the Task Force is to work to assure public benefits has a sound financial footing going forward, including the need to build a solid political base of support for the program. While many of us deplore the recent cuts to the program to help the state balance its budget, it would be virtually impossible to go backwards and attempt to restore that funding. But for the future, we must have a secure base of funding.

A second objective with public benefits is to review the administration of the program to insure that everything is running as smoothly as possible, and to respond wherever possible to criticism of the program's administration.

Finally, as to renewables, the Task Force should explore positive incentives to continue the development of renewables of all sorts in the state, and to identify regulatory barriers which might be preventing development.