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*The wind energy production tax (PTC) is exactly what we need to get away from in this country. The wind industry simply cannot stand on its own without incentives, tax breaks, etc. It offers false hope and ultimately a burdensome tax on all Americans who pay for subsidizing the profits of the companies involved. The GE's, Siemens, and many other companies will never advance the technology to be profitable unless you remove the incentives and force them to advance. Why should Congress selectively offer incentives to the Wind industry, when the most are foreign companies that simply see it as a cash cow?*

*If it's ultimately about "Green" Energy" and job creation than allowing the PTC to expire will force these companies to stand on their own and you will see the technology advance much quicker. If there is profit to be made the technology will be advanced to align with it, but not if Congress simply keeps filling their pockets. If any incentives are to be offered it should be directly for technology and efficiency advancement, not for a multi-billion dollar company to put up another wind farm. The investment in technology advancements would be a small percentage of what is currently spent through the PTC. It could be set up much the same way as NASA funds various programs and the technology would be shared. After all it's about "Clean Energy" and Jobs, not advancing the profitability of a few companies.*

*I respectfully urge the committee NOT TO EXTEND the wind energy production tax credit.*