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House Ways and Means Committee
Energy Tax Reform Working Group

Subject: **Comments: Energy Tax Reform Working Group**

Dear Members of the Energy Tax Reform Working Group:

At a time when our country desperately needs to get our fiscal house in order, I am asking you (as part of your tax reform work) to eliminate the Wind Production Tax Credit. In my opinion, this subsidy represents a real waste of taxpayers' money. The wind PTC doesn't do much to actually solve our nation's energy needs, nor does it provide much in terms of local job creation. On the other hand, the wind PTC represents a huge taxpayer-funded subsidy, a handout that the wind industry shows no sign of weaning itself from. In short, it amounts to little more than crony capitalism, where a select few benefit at the expense of the many.

So, please do the right thing for our country and eliminate this obvious example of government waste and favoritism. For that matter, do away with all energy subsidies, and let the market determine who the winners and losers will be.

In my opinion, if our elected representatives can't see fit to eliminate such glaring waste as this, what can we expect going forward other than sinking further into the financial morass? I hope you will take this opportunity to correct this costly mistake.

Thank you for your consideration and for the opportunity to comment on this issue.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Ruth