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April 15, 2013

To: Energy Tax Reform Working Group, U.S. House Ways & Means Committee

**Re: COMMENTS: Energy Tax Reform Working Group**

Dear Honorable representatives and fellow citizens,

Thank you for this opportunity to provide comments regarding Comprehensive Energy Tax Reform. Please accept the attached comments on behalf of myself, and all New York State citizens represented by our group, **Citizen Power Alliance** ([CitizenPowerAlliance.org](http://CitizenPowerAlliance.org)) - all property owners and taxpayers of New York State.

We are writing because we are particularly concerned with the impacts of extending the **Production Tax Credit – PTC** (among others) for industrial wind energy. The Production Tax Credit (PTC) was originally designed to be a **temporary** support to help the wind industry get on its feet over 20 years ago. With our nation rapidly approaching a massive \$17 TRILLION DOLLAR DEBT, it is long past time to STOP this kind of corporate welfare off the backs of American taxpayers and ratepayers.

As we are sure you are well aware, the Government Accountability Office recently released a report citing numerous redundant subsidy programs going to industrial wind energy at the cost of \$BILLIONS more to American taxpayers and ratepayers. We do NOT believe that the government should be in the business of picking and choosing winners and losers in the energy market place in the first place, let alone holding up failed technologies with redundant subsidies off the backs of all American taxpayers.

Most distasteful to the American public is the fact that the recent extension of the PTC for industrial wind energy was added as "pork" to benefit "special interests" in behind-closed-doors negotiations for the fiscal cliff deal - unbeknownst to most until after the fact, and with no chance for debate. This is especially disturbing considering all the false promises of "transparency," and the fact that American citizens successfully fought back efforts to extend the PTC extension five separate times during 2012. See attached report:

**"Windpower: Enough Business/Government Cronyism":**

<http://www.masterresource.org/2012/12/new-york-state-wind-debate/>

Especially troubling in this new version of the PTC was a change that was made which greatly relaxed eligibility requirements. Wind energy projects now need only "commence construction" by January 1, 2014, to qualify for the credit - virtually enabling developers to "game" the system at substantial expense to ALL American taxpayers. David Burton, partner at Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld, has stated that developers who plan well and bank enough 2013 PTC-eligible component parts, "...*may be able to continue to construct PTC-eligible wind farms indefinitely.*" This is NOT acceptable!

American citizens have made it very clear time and time again that they do NOT wish to continue to enable failing, rent-seeking industries via these kind of "pork" programs. There is ample incriminating evidence available regarding the serious shortcomings of industrial wind energy which should lead to immediate action by our legislators to **END** the theft of American taxpayers money for [The Wind Farm Scam](#), including, but not limited to:

- 1.) The real costs of wind power (“**skyrocketing**” costs hurt the poor the most);
- 2.) The abysmal outputs of industrial wind factories - which would be deemed "**Lemons**" in other industry or business;
- 3.) The bogus jobs numbers presented by the wind industry (**Wind is a net jobs LOSER!**);
- 4.) The lessons already learned by other countries long-invested in these failed "green" technologies; and -- last, but by no means least ---
- 5.) **The very real, negative impacts on wildlife, the environment, and most importantly, on American citizens lives and properties** that are resulting in communities across the nation because of the massive size, nature, and sprawling footprints associated with industrial wind factories.

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**Then why would anyone in their right mind support imposing this torture on their fellow Americans???** It is shameful, criminal, and un-American.

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All of these facts should lead any legislator with an ounce of common decency and brainpower in them to **STOP throwing our money into the wind!**

The PTC is nothing more than an added cost taxpayers are forced to pay in order to accommodate development of a politically well-connected, high-priced, low-value resource that can NOT meet our electricity capacity needs.

For the reasons cited in the attached comments, we strongly urge Congress to DO THE RIGHT THING - let the wind PTC expire!

Respectfully submitted,

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## **Supporting Reports, Studies, Research, etc:**

Industrial Wind Power is NOT economically, environmentally or scientifically sound energy policy - period. A good introduction as to why that is the paper, "[Wind Power - How We Got Here](#)," by Physicist John Droz – at: <http://WindPowerFacts.Info/>.

**WIND DOES NOT PROVIDE RELIABLE, DISPATCHABLE, BASELOAD POWER, and therefore, provides virtually NO CAPACITY VALUE** - specified amounts of power on demand (aka: Effective, or Firm Capacity). See: "**WIND NOT POWER AT ALL**":

<http://www.masterresource.org/2010/09/wind-not-power-iii/>

This is why wind is inextricably tied with fossil fuel back-up, and is exactly what the recent **IER REPORT, "The Hidden Costs of Wind Power,"** is based upon. See:

<http://www.instituteforenergyresearch.org/2013/01/04/the-hidden-costs-of-wind-power/>

**Forbes: "Why it's the end of the line for wind power":**

<http://www.forbes.com/sites/christopherhelman/2012/12/21/why-its-the-end-of-the-line-for-wind-power/>

**REPORT: "Subsidizing Big Wind: The Real Cost to Taxpayers":**

[http://www.manhattan-institute.org/html/ir\\_25.htm#.UWsgAILIVz8](http://www.manhattan-institute.org/html/ir_25.htm#.UWsgAILIVz8)

**"The High Cost and Low Value of Electricity from Wind,"** by Glenn Schleede

[http://scienceandpublicpolicy.org/images/stories/papers/reprint/High Cost and Low Value of Electricity from Wind.pdf](http://scienceandpublicpolicy.org/images/stories/papers/reprint/High%20Cost%20and%20Low%20Value%20of%20Electricity%20from%20Wind.pdf)

**GAO REPORT - Unearths Duplicative Wind Initiatives:**

<http://www.usnews.com/opinion/blogs/on-energy/2013/04/02/gao-report-unearths-duplicative-wind-initiatives>

## **Oxymoronic Wind Power, by Jon Boone**

<http://www.masterresource.org/2011/01/wind-howlers-part-i/>

<http://www.masterresource.org/2011/01/windspeak-part-ii/>

**"Subsidies distort markets... are NOT based on productivity," says Big Wind CEO, Patrick Jenevein: Wind Subsidies? No Thanks.**

<http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424127887323501004578386501479255158.html>

**"Ratepayers & Taxpayers are DOUBLE-PAYERS FOR SAME PRODUCT,"**

admits Big Wind CEO in interview: <http://tinyurl.com/ctx6k4g>

**STUDY: Industry giant - EXELON, advocates collapse of PTC:**

<http://www.renewablesbiz.com/article/12/10/study-blasts-wind-production-tax-credit>

“We find that the vast majority of the Nation’s wind resources fail to produce any electricity when our customers need it most, and that the subsidy is adding billions of dollars of hidden costs while undermining the reliability of the grid,” the study says.

**REPORT: Big Wind's Bogus Jobs Numbers**

<http://www.americanenergyalliance.org/2013/03/report-big-winds-bogus-jobs-numbers/>

**\$4.8 Million in Taxpayer Giveaways per Wind Energy Job:**

[http://www.americanenergyalliance.org/wp-](http://www.americanenergyalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/AEA_Report_Navigant-Wind_20120306.pdf)

[content/uploads/2013/03/AEA\\_Report\\_Navigant-Wind\\_20120306.pdf](http://www.americanenergyalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/03/AEA_Report_Navigant-Wind_20120306.pdf)

**STUDY: Spain’s Gabriel Alvarez at King Carlos University in Madrid concluded that Spain's mad rush to meet overly aggressive renewable standards has destroyed jobs. For every job created in the wind industry, 2.2 jobs were lost in the rest of the economy. Even worse - only one in 10 of those wind energy jobs was permanent. See:**

<http://www.wind-watch.org/documents/uploads/Calzada-Spain-jobs-renewables.pdf> and

<http://www.wind-watch.org/documents/uploads/Calzada-Spain-renewables-boom-bust.ppt>

**STUDY: Wind Turbines Wear Sooner Than Expected:**

<http://www.telegraph.co.uk/earth/energy/windpower/9770837/Wind-farm-turbines-wear-sooner-than-expected-says-study.html>

**NY Wind: So Much Ado For So Little** (Average Capacity Factor for all installed NY wind factories from 2008 – 2010 was a measly 18%):

<http://www.windaction.org/faqs/31912>

**Some Lessons from New York (calculations by a physicist):**

<http://www.rutlandherald.com/article/20130214/OPINION04/702149967/1018/OPINION>

**REPORT: Wind power kills jobs and increases electricity costs:**

<http://www.torontosun.com/2013/04/11/wind-power-kills-jobs-and-increases-electricity-costs-report>

**Backlash Against Big Wind Continues (another lawsuit in NY):**

<http://www.nationalreview.com/articles/334102/backlash-against-big-wind-continues-robert-bryce>

**Orangeville: Sad Realities of Town Divided:**

[http://thedailynewsonline.com/blogs/commentary\\_and\\_letters/article\\_5ecf2f91-5322-59cf-929e-96c857639af6.html](http://thedailynewsonline.com/blogs/commentary_and_letters/article_5ecf2f91-5322-59cf-929e-96c857639af6.html)

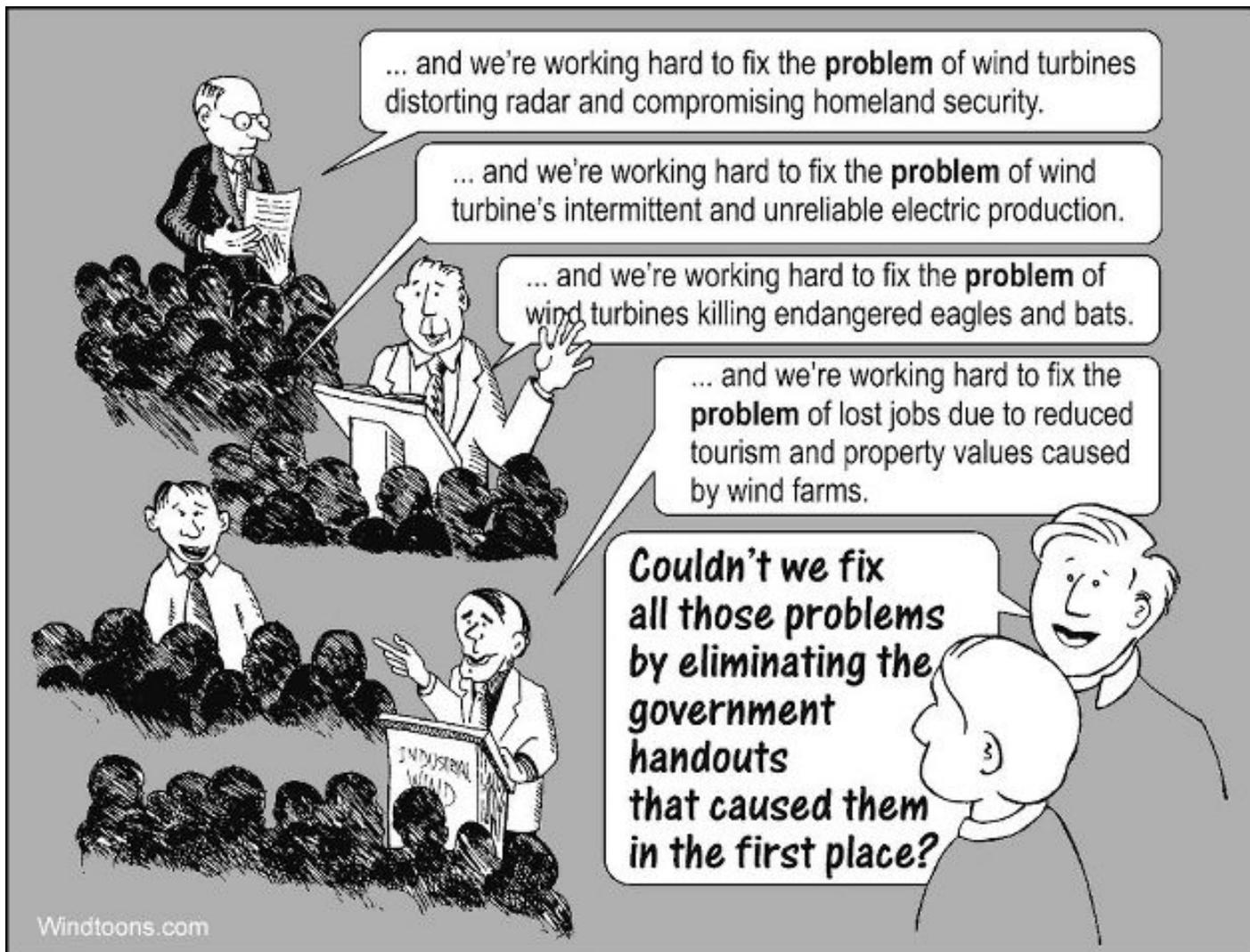
**“Listen to What I Listen to” – 'Jessica's Story' -- See:**

<http://www.windaction.org/stories/20234>

[\*NYS' Two Billion Dollar Energy Swindle\*](#) is a summary of a NYSERDA meeting specific to industrial wind power that includes testimonies by the former NYS PSC sound engineer and NYS Dept of Health official regarding the problems associated with infrasound from industrial wind turbines, and more appropriate setbacks. See:

**Empire Page: NYS' Two-Billion Dollar Energy Swindle:**

<http://www.empirepage.com/2009/6/27/nys-two-billion-dollar-energy-swindle>



**Buildings, cars and cats don't kill eagles - Windfarms do. See:**  
[www.savetheeaglesinternational.org](http://www.savetheeaglesinternational.org)

**WINDFALL, Documentary on Big Wind's ongoing assault in rural America:**  
[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87TGW9eLAtU&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=87TGW9eLAtU&feature=player_embedded)

**\*Effects of Infrasound from industrial wind turbines on Humans\*:**  
<http://www.epaw.org/documents.php?lang=en&article=ns51>

**Community taking turbines down:**  
<http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/02/26/cape-cod-community-considers-taking-down-wind-turbines-after-illness-noise/?test=latestnews>

**“The New Civil War - Rural vs Urban,” by J.P. Michaud**  
<http://bewarenywind.blogspot.com/2009/12/new-civil-war-rural-vs-urban.html>

**New York's “Sustainability” Planning: What About Wind Power's Ecological Insults?**  
[www.masterresource.org/2013/03/new-york-energy-plannin/](http://www.masterresource.org/2013/03/new-york-energy-plannin/)

**"Wind Subsidies: New York State's Money-Road to Nowhere":**  
<http://www.masterresource.org/2012/08/local-wind-subsidies-more-waste-new-york-states-money-road-to-nowhere/>

**"U.S. Public Interest Groups Fighting Windpower":**  
<http://www.masterresource.org/2012/09/us-public-interest-groups-antiwind/>

**'PC' power is not "sustainable":**  
<http://www.masterresource.org/2012/04/pc-power-not-sustainable/>

**“Corporate Welfare Bar”:**  
[http://thedailynewsonline.com/opinion/editorials/article\\_886768a8-32ea-11e0-a04d-001cc4c002e0.html?mode=story](http://thedailynewsonline.com/opinion/editorials/article_886768a8-32ea-11e0-a04d-001cc4c002e0.html?mode=story)

**“Wasteful, redundant schemes must stop”:**  
[http://thedailynewsonline.com/opinion/editorials/article\\_e37ec63a-7275-11e0-99c9-001cc4c03286.html](http://thedailynewsonline.com/opinion/editorials/article_e37ec63a-7275-11e0-99c9-001cc4c03286.html)

**The Wind Farm Scam by Dr. John R. Etherington**

**Power Hungry: The Myths of "Green" Energy and the Real Fuels of the Future by Robert Bryce**  
[http://www.amazon.com/Power-Hungry-Myths-Energy-Future/dp/1586489534/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1329410947&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.com/Power-Hungry-Myths-Energy-Future/dp/1586489534/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1329410947&sr=1-1)

**COMMENTS: Energy Tax Reform Working Group ~ MKB 4/15/13**

**500-foot spinning towers should NOT be anywhere near peoples' homes! Accidents DO happen:**



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