

I, Ingrid Schwinger, a Development Coordinator at Element Power US, LLC in Minneapolis, MN, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible. The PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year. I have seen wind projects revitalize communities – bringing in construction jobs at first, and maintenance jobs in the long term, and generating revenue for community schools and hospitals over the lifetime of the project. Increasing the amount of power that our country gets from clean, homegrown, affordable resources is an excellent thing for us to do – and this tax credit provides an incentive for the wind industry to continue to do just that.

I urge the committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away.