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Dear Energy Tax Reform Working Group,

I write from first hand knowledge. I live in a wind factory. I live in the Forward Energy wind farm erected in 2007-8 by Invenergy in Fond du Lac and Dodge counties in Wisconsin. I can see first hand that there are temporary jobs, but now only a few workers to keep the 86 turbines running.

I used to believe in wind energy even though I did not feel subsidies were necessary if it was a viable form of electricity generation. Now I more strongly know the subsidies for wind energy must end. For over 20 years our government has been pouring money in to wind energy. We now know it has not reduced carbon emissions. We know that more traditional generation plants need to be built to offset for the many times when the wind factories are not producing.

Wind factories need to be built away from people. I am a victim and a constant sufferer of sleep deprivation. You should know the health affects caused from sleep deprivation. If you don't know find out. Would you want to be woke up 8 to 15 times a night? If wind factories are placed far from people that drives the cost of wind generation even higher.

Wind farms are sold over and over and each new buyer gets the tax incentives. That should not be. You can save all of us money by stopping wind energy subsidies all together.

I'm sure you are receiving comments from people much more articulate in explaining the no need for tax subsidies and production tax credits for wind and solar energy than I can. If wind and solar energy are a viable source of electricity production let private business make all the money they want by growing that industry on their own with out payer's money. A viable business, no matter what it is, does that.

In conclusion stop the production tax credit and all other tax incentives for renewable energy including ethanol. If these are good industries they will thrive with out our tax dollars.

Thank you,

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