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Energy Tax Reform Working Group

Rep. Kevin Bardy:

It is past time to eliminate the Production Tax Credit. This government handout has been based upon nothing more than smoke and mirrors from the Wind Energy lobby. The bulk of the money has ended up supporting overseas companies rather than supporting American Businesses. The jobs created have been grossly overstated and most of them have been part-time and short duration. The energy produced has been publicized based upon the rated capacity if the wind farms were producing maximum amounts of electricity 24 hrs. per day instead of the paltry 20-25% of the rated capacity which is actually being produced. The savings in CO2 fails to account for the amount produced building the wind farms, or produced when the required baseline energy source is required to ramp up and down to make up for the fact that the wind generated electricity is unreliable.

US taxpayers are already committed to pouring billions of dollars into this boondoggle for the next 10 years. Please do not commit more money on a failed energy policy when our schools, medical services and other necessary budgets are being negatively impacted. This country would be far better served if a reduced amount of money were being committed to research and retro-fitting coal generated power plants to minimize CO2 emissions.

Thank you for considering my input on this important issue.

Sincerely,

Irene Gilbert

