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HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

HEARING ON CERTAIN EXPIRING TAX PROVISIONS

RE: EXTENSION OF THE WIND ENERGY PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT (PTC)

For years our country has provided tax incentives and subsidies to grow our energy production, mostly in fossil fuels. Increasing the amount of power that the U.S. gets from clean, homegrown, affordable resources like wind and solar, is an excellent thing for us to do.

The wind energy production tax credit drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year. I have seen the wind farms as I have traveled around our country, revitalizing construction jobs, providing maintenance jobs in the long term, and generating revenue for hospitals, schools, and the states over the lifetime of the projects.

I urge the House Ways and Means Committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away, and make it last at least 5-10 years, in order to keep the development of this power and job creation going over a longer period of time. We say we want American energy and more jobs. Extending help for wind energy production is a way to do both at the same time. It's a no brainer!!

Thanks for listening to my comment.

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