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To: Comments - Energy Tax Reform Working Group

The government should not be using the tax code to pick winners and losers; that taxpayer funds should underwrite RESEARCH and not the PROFITS of foreign private equity firms like Everpower.

Here is what these chosen 'winners' this Government of ours has said: (IE. Wind Industry)

"Real incomes for most Americans have fallen over the last 20 years while the rich have seen their wealth grow very substantially. Rising standards of living for the majority have only been afforded by heavy consumer and Government borrowing which is at the heart of the problems the country now faces. Given these divisions, we should not be so quick to judge the talks being held in Washington. Instead we should be grateful that 'pork-barrel' politics is alive and well and still seems likely, I believe, to pull us back from the brink." – Guy Hands, Everpower Chairman, as quoted in the Huffington Post.

Taxpayers deserve affordable reliable energy. Cronyism and targeted tax credits like the PTC that enable a company like G.E. to get away with paying little or no tax is an affront to every hardworking American. Playing favorites with the tax code invites CORRUPTION. It causes energy companies to spend their efforts on LOBBYING rather than RESEARCH and investment in products that serve the American economy.

Respectfully Submitted,

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