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United States Congress

Honorable Members

-I, Marty Gardner, a Veteran and 18-year member of the Wind Energy industry, currently residing in Summerland, California, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

-Having been in the Wind Energy industry for 18 years, I have lived through multiple instances of congressional discontinuity of this modest assistance for our industry. I know first-hand how crippling it is for our jobs in manufacturing, construction, maintenance and other peripheral support functions due to this discontinuation of the PTC. Congress should IMMEDIATELY extend the credit, not wait until just before or after it expires.

-You have all been presented with the facts: The PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year. I was in California and Minnesota and Iowa in the mid-90's, and so many other communities since then. I worked on the Wind Turbines and watched the communities of Lake Benton, Minnesota and Storm Lake, Iowa and many more, reap the rewards of the revitalization that those turbines enabled – construction jobs at first, maintenance jobs in the long term, and continuing to generate revenue for their 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.

Sincerely,



Marty Gardner
18-year Wind Energy Technician and Engineer
