

Please consider ending the Production Tax Credit. Living in Maine I have witnessed the negative political, economic and environmental impacts that the wind industry, greedily taking advantage of well meaning federal tax incentives, to create profits for the few while having severe impacts on our lakes, mountains and historical lands.

Our State has created expedited wind laws that make it easier for wind companies to build turbines with less consideration for siting. These laws were created by State politicians who also had a stake in wind company success. In fact our US Senator has experienced this conflict of interest first hand. Our expedited wind laws are the product of the federal PTC and unless this credit goes away these laws will continue to allow wind companies to site turbines based on the fact that they can make money rather than whether the turbines are appropriately sited.

The economic impacts are equally significant. While I am not an expert I can see that these turbines are hurting property values, and impacting State subsidy monies to towns that need them. Yes, towns get promised money from the wind companies but there is evidence that there is corruption in this formula as well.

Our cherished Maine environment is being riddled with industrial wind towers that will forever change our earth. We must find a solution for our energy problems but allowing such a significant tax credit for wind is creating a gold rush for the greedy and impacting those without a voice the most.

Please end the tax credit and allow the free market to dictate the future of renewable energy. A blanket tax credit is not the answer.