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April 15, 2013

The Honorable Kevin Brady  
301 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mike Thompson  
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Dear Congressmen Brady and Thompson:

On behalf of Mortenson Construction and its 2200 employees, we applaud your efforts to reform the nation's tax code, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide commentary as it relates specifically to the extension of the Production Tax Credit (PTC).

As one of the largest wind contractors in the United States, the PTC has allowed our organization to invest in our nations' economy as well as provide jobs for over 800 craft workers and 350 salaried professionals dedicated exclusively to the renewable energy industry.

Each wind project constructed in the U.S. bolsters our country's larger economy while playing a vital role in sustaining smaller local economies across America. We've seen firsthand the significant and revitalizing impact on rural communities surrounding wind projects. Over the construction period, jobs are made available to the local labor force, major construction contracts are awarded to local businesses and suppliers, while fabrication, maintenance, and repair shops all see increasingly positive economic impacts due to the wind project. Throughout the life of a project, well over \$500,000 may be infused into an area's hotels, restaurants, and living facilities due to construction traveler spending alone. All told, the construction of one wind project infuses millions of dollars into the nation's economy.

Representing approximately 30% of our company's annual revenue, our work in wind has enabled the company to retain employees during recent economic hardships that has impacted the commercial construction industry. This simply would not have been possible without a PTC in place.

The uncertainty surrounding a longer-term PTC extension threatens the further development and success of the wind industry and, of course, the livelihoods of valued employees. In addition to carving a path toward energy independence, an extension of the PTC will create clean, green manufacturing and construction jobs and foster economic growth throughout the country.

We respectfully request your support for a longer-term extension which is crucial to averting the damaging impact to America's labor force and the long-term growth of our industry.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

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