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The Honorable Kevin Brady  
Chair, Energy Tax Reform Working Group  
House Ways & Means Committee

The Honorable Mike Thompson  
Vice Chair, Energy Tax Reform Working Group  
House Ways & Means Committee

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Dear Congressmen Brady and Thompson:

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF), on behalf of our over four million members and supporters nationwide, appreciates the opportunity to provide input to the Ways and Means Committee's Energy Tax Reform Working Group process. NWF believes continued investment in clean energy represents one of the best ways to combat climate change and secure our energy future while investing in American jobs and economic growth.

Clean energy tax incentives and investments are critical tools to ensure the success of this industry. The United States is already far behind the rest of the world when it comes to clean energy development. While the fossil fuel industry has enjoyed decades of tax breaks and government subsidies, renewable energy and energy efficiency struggle within an indecisive business atmosphere as tax extensions consistently face uncertain futures and comprehensive clean energy policy has stalled at the federal level. It is critical that Congress prioritize policies, including within the tax code, that contribute to building a clean energy future that protects people and wildlife from the worst effects of climate change.

As represented in the attached letter from over 120 sportsmen and conservation organizations, outdoor businesses, and local clean energy companies, clean energy tax incentives - such as a production tax credit (PTC) and investment tax credit (ITC) for wind energy - are supported by a broad range of constituencies as a vital strategy for protecting people, wildlife, and ecosystems from the worst effects of climate change. It is critical that Congress continue to extend and enhance energy efficiency and clean energy tax incentives - such as the recently introduced bipartisan Investment Tax Credit for Offshore Wind Energy (H.R. 924) - while taking long overdue action to cut the billions of dollars in tax breaks that fossil fuel industries receive each year.

Investing in energy efficiency and responsibly-sited renewable energy creates jobs, saves consumers money, and protects wildlife. Likewise, any steps to get our fiscal house in order must include cutting the billions of dollars in subsidies and tax loopholes that benefit carbon-intensive industries. NWF encourages Congress to use this opportunity to recast the country's energy priorities by ensuring that discussions around the country's fiscal future focus on removal of wasteful and environmentally destructive tax breaks while supporting essential investments that strengthen our economy and protect our environment for current and future generations.

Sincerely,

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