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United States House Ways & Means Committee

RE: Hearing on Certain Expiring Tax Provisions

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I, Brent Stahl, Partner at Stahl, Bernal & Davies in Austin, Texas, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

The PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year. I have seen the wind farms in my state and other states around the country revitalize entire communities – bringing in construction jobs at first, and maintenance jobs in the long term, and generating revenue for community schools and hospitals over the lifetime of the projects. 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.

Wind power also helps provide energy sources that do not need or consume large quantities of water. More traditional forms of energy require tremendous amounts of water, a resource that is becoming increasingly scarce in certain regions.

It is not just jobs that will be lost without the PTC. Communities will also lose large capital investments and operations that would generate revenue for those local communities for decades to come.

I urge the committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away.

Thank You,

Sincerely,


Brent Stahl