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The Honorable Richard E. Neal  
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Dear Chairman Camp, Chairman Tiberi, Congressman Levin, and Congressman Neal:

As the Committee continues its work on legislation to amend provisions of our tax code, the Members of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition (SEEC) strongly urge you to reinstate the clean energy and energy efficiency tax incentives that expired at the end of 2011 and to extend the provisions that will expire at the end of this year.

These provisions contribute greatly to the economic well-being of our nation by creating thousands of jobs, assisting small start-up businesses, lowering energy bills for working families, and driving emerging technologies that will provide Americans with a permanent solution to our long-term energy challenges. These provisions are essential to building a strong domestic renewable energy industry and creating jobs.

According to testimony given by Rhone Resch, President of the Solar Energy Industries Association, before the Committee on Science and Technology in April, the enactment of the 30 percent commercial and residential solar Investment Tax Credit in 2005 and the 1603 Treasury Program in 2009 spurred a seven-fold increase in domestic deployment of solar technologies and the development of a domestic industry value chain that employs over 100,000 American workers. As another example, the expired Efficient Appliance Credit, enacted with strong bipartisan support in 2005, is an important factor in maintaining jobs in America's appliance manufacturing industry. According to the Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers, the number of jobs in the United States affected by the incentive is on the scale of 40,000, which accounts for at least 17,000 direct manufacturing jobs that support the manufacturing of the

appliance products covered by the incentive. These are just a couple of examples of the tremendous benefit these tax incentive programs provide to our economy.

We have reduced our imports of foreign oil below 50 percent of our demand for the first time in decades. Further diversification of our energy supply and broader deployment of energy efficiency measures is needed if we are to continue this positive trend. Expanded deployment of renewable energy and efficiency technologies is essential to accomplishing the goal of energy independence.

The specific provisions we urge the Committee to reinstate include the following:

Sec. 25C(g): Credit for certain non-business energy property

Sec. 30B(i)(4): Conversion credit for plug-in electric vehicles

Sec. 30C(g)(2): Credit for alternative fuel vehicle refueling property (non-hydrogen property)

Sec. 45L(g): Credit for construction of new energy efficient homes

Sec. 45M(b): Credit for energy efficient appliances

Sec. 48(d) and sec. 1603 of Pub. L. No. 111-5: Grants for specified energy property in lieu of tax credits

Sec. 132(f): Parity for exclusion from income for employer-provided mass transit and parking benefits

The specific provisions we urge you to extend include the following:

Sec. 142(1)(8): Qualified green buildings and sustainable design project bonds

Sec. 40(b)(6)(H): Cellulosic biofuel producer credit

Sec. 45(d): Placed-in-service date for wind facilities eligible to claim electricity production credit

Sec. 48(a)(5): Election to claim the energy credit in lieu of the electricity production credit for wind facilities

Sec. 168(1): Special depreciation allowance for cellulosic biofuel plant property

Without these tax incentives, we risk losing thousands of existing American jobs, and growth in these domestic industries will come to a grinding halt. Other nations are making significant investments in renewable energy technologies and energy efficiency. We operate in a global economy. If we are unwilling to invest in domestic industries, these businesses and the jobs they support will move elsewhere. Our nation has been a leader in the research and development of many of these technologies. We must now ensure these past research and development investments pay dividends here at home in the form of a strong, domestic renewable energy sector. Therefore, we strongly urge you to reinstate or extend these important tax incentives.

Thank you for your attention and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

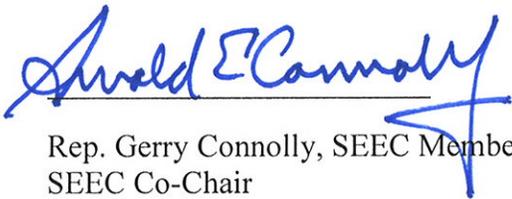
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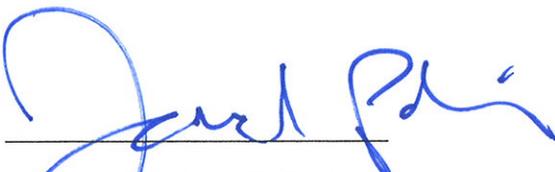
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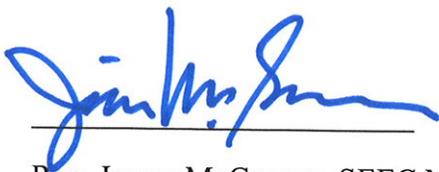
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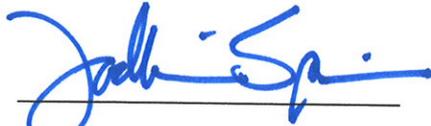
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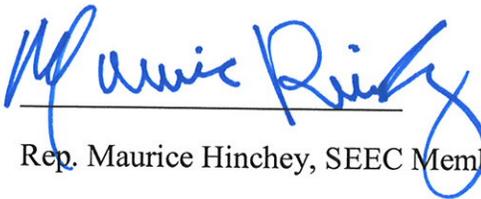
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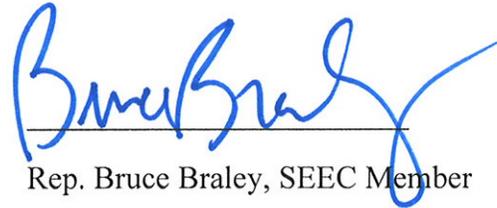
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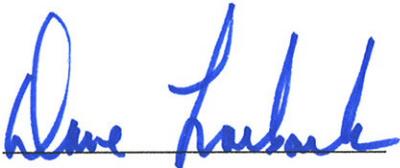
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