April 8, 2013

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

The Honorable Mike Thompson
231 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressmen Brady and Thompson:

We are writing to urge you to support a long term extension of tax incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency, including the renewable energy Production Tax Credit (PTC), in any upcoming tax reform discussion. Currently, our tax policy is how we set our nation's energy agenda—as we pursue an "all of the above" energy strategy, it is vital that renewable energy continue to grow as part of our energy mix.

Our organization believes that renewable energy and energy efficiency tax incentives are critical to ensuring the diversity of our country's electricity portfolio, and thus our national security, in the coming years. Clean energy tax provisions drive private investment, create jobs, move us closer to a clean energy future, and strengthen our competitiveness. A number of key incentives have a track record of success and bipartisan support, including especially the renewable energy PTC, and should be renewed or enacted.[1]

As an organization that is committed to protecting public lands, long-term certainty for the renewable energy industries is essential to creating the conditions needed to support efforts to guide projects to places that will minimize impacts on sensitive lands and ecosystems. Public lands will continue to play an important part in powering the nation, but in the absence of the certainty of a long-term tax policy, smart and responsible planning could be abandoned. We are committed to balancing our energy needs with conservation of our public lands and natural heritage and a long term vision for our nation's clean energy industries is critical to this mission.

As you look at ways to make the tax code work better for American businesses, I urge you to renew and enhance these cost-effective renewable energy and energy efficiency incentives. Thank you and we look forward to working with you on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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The Wilderness Society

[1] This includes the **Section 45** Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit (PTC), **Section 48C** Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit, **Section 48** Investment Tax Credit for Offshore Wind Energy (ITC), **Section 45L** Efficient New Homes Tax Credit, **Section 45M** Efficient Appliances Manufacturer Tax Credit, **Section 132 (f)** Transportation Fringe Benefits, **Section 1603** Treasury Grant Program for Renewable Energy Projects, and **Section 30B(d)(2)(B)** Credits for Hybrid Medium- and Heavy-Duty Trucks, as well as efforts to create a Home Efficiency Improvement Tax Credit and expand Master-Limited Partnership (MLP) eligibility from primarily oil & gas sectors to renewable energy and energy efficiency.