

*I, Thomas Wayne Jackson, from Canterbury, NH, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.*

*Here is why the PTC should be extended immediately.*

*The PTC represents a super investment for the country, with each dollar invested producing three or four in direct and indirect business. It doesn't get much better than that! The PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year. Wind farms bring in construction jobs at first, and maintenance jobs later, generating revenue for our communities schools and hospitals over many years... the working life of a modern windfarm is 20-25 years..*

*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 turbines are beautiful and the fuel is forever free!*

*However, because wind turbine components are very large, complex and high tech, there are many subsidiary industries that are part of the equation. The cast iron nacelle frames, for example, are so large that only a few companies are able to cast them in a process that takes many weeks, from casting to curing under controlled conditions. There are fasteners, generators, gearboxes, electronics.cables etc. each sourced from American companies, trying to stage a comeback.*

*All this takes time to be brought up to speed. For this reason, it is imperative that the PTC be extended as soon as possible, so this chain doesn't grind to a halt and require a good six months to get going again.*

*Let's create quality jobs and energy independence at the same time... please renew the PTC now.*