

I, Benita Lou Terrell, President of Tierra Farm & Grain Co. in Plainview, Texas, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

The State of Texas is currently building a network of transmission lines to transfer electricity generated by wind from rural areas of the state to energy deficient metropolitan areas of the state. The transmission lines are scheduled to be completed in 2013. Investors who have exhibited interest in financing wind farms in our area are backing away. They state the indecision over PTC has impacted their decisions.

We are an agricultural area in the midst of a drought with farm subsidies shrinking. Wind farms will provide money for our schools and hospitals as well as jobs for our people. Early renewal of the PTC would encourage investment in wind farms providing energy and jobs for the State of Texas.

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