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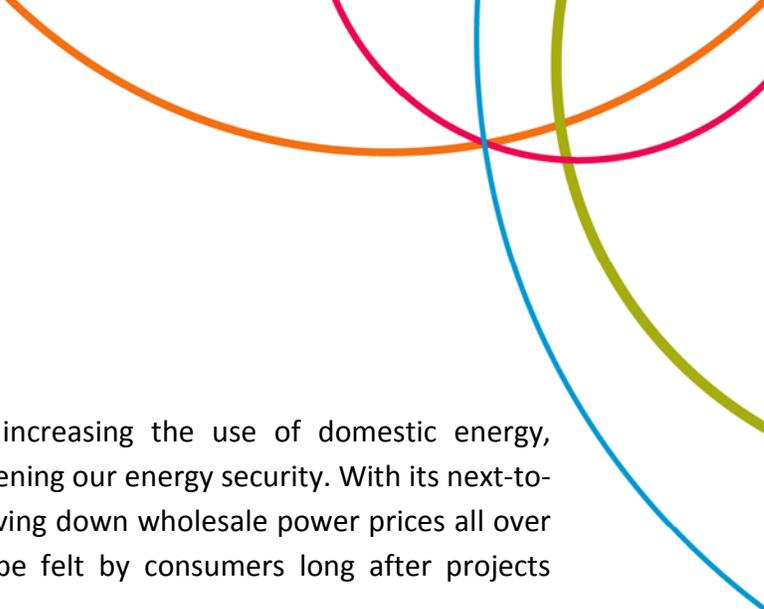
Dear Congressmen Brady and Thompson:

Comments: Energy Tax Reform Working Group

I am writing to thank you for taking a comprehensive look at energy tax reform. We believe that your efforts provide a great opportunity to spur further private investment in U.S. energy infrastructure and create long term value for the American taxpayer. As a business which has invested millions of dollars in developing renewable energy projects across a number of U.S. states, we seek stable and predictable policy which will allow us to continue to invest in the future of American energy infrastructure.

While every form of energy in the U.S. currently receives taxpayer support, the Production Tax Credit has been fundamental to the success of the wind industry over recent years, and its long term extension was a critical factor in our decision to invest in U.S. wind. We now seek continued certainty in order for us to continue to invest in American projects, jobs and energy infrastructure.

If the goal of tax reform is to wean all forms of energy off government support, we can wholeheartedly get behind this aim. The American Wind Energy Association has completed an analysis showing that the wind industry can continue to operate at a minimally viable level if the PTC is ramped down over the course of six years, before terminating. However we believe that the playing field is only well and truly leveled when **every** form of energy sees **every** form of support phased out. To allow the PTC to expire when more polluting, more finite, less safe forms of energy continue to receive support would not, in our opinion, serve the taxpayer well.



As we build more wind projects, we are increasing the use of domestic energy, diversifying our energy portfolio and strengthening our energy security. With its next-to-zero marginal cost, wind power is already driving down wholesale power prices all over the U.S., and this benefit will continue to be felt by consumers long after projects receive their final tax credit.

Thank you for hearing our concerns.

Sincerely,



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