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Question: Is the Administration supportive of the production tax credit in support of wind energy?

Response: The Administration supports efforts to encourage the development and deployment of renewable and alternative energy, including wind energy. The Administration recognizes that tax incentives for renewable energy can promote energy security and reduce impacts on the environment. In the past, the Administration has proposed the extension or expansion of tax incentives for wind, biomass, and landfill gas. The Administration will make a determination at the appropriate time and with proper consideration of the legislative context whether to support a further extension of the credit.

In addition to Federal tax credits, numerous Federal and State programs provide assistance that promotes deployment of renewable energy technologies. The President's Advanced Energy Initiative (AEI) provides for continued investments in important clean energy technologies of the future that can help reduce emissions and improve energy security. The 2009 Budget provides \$3.2 billion for the AEI, an increase of \$624 million (+24 percent) over the 2008 enacted level, including \$53 million for wind energy technologies.