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Hearing on Certain Expiring Tax Provisions

I, Anna Derengowski, a Computer Network Assistant in Austin, TX, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

Wind energy is absolutely important in harnessing more sustainable energy for our communities and reducing our dependence on fossil fuels which pollute our planet.

Currently, there is battery cell technology being developed by Donald Sadoway at the Liquid Metals Battery Corporation that allow the storage of wind energy. This would mean that wind energy could contribute to the grid in a powerful way, much like coal, gas and nuclear energy do today.

The development of the wind power industry as well as the batteries which would make them capable of powering large, industrial plants would provide our country with employment resources.

Investment in wind power would ultimately reduce our conflict between countries where oil rights are the main source of conflict.

We desperately need to focus our efforts on improving and promoting the use of wind energy now, while we have the resources. If we wait too long, it may very well be too late. Additionally, our country is missing an opportunity to gain an economic edge on other developed countries which are currently embracing alternative energies.

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