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To: House Ways and Means Committee

Re: Hearing on Certain Expiring Tax Provisions

I, John Blattner, CFO of Blattner Energy, Inc. located in Avon, MN, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

Thousands of American jobs are in jeopardy if the PTC expires. The impact is already starting to take hold with companies expecting the PTC not to be extended as they are laying off workers and halting manufacturing of related wind industry products.

Anticipating the industry will cease without the PTC will cause businesses and Americans to curtail spending, if not already, thus further slowing our economy and reducing the revenue taken in by the government.

Wind energy is producing vital, needed energy fueling our country with one of the most cleanest and efficient forms of electrical energy production.

The PTC is critical to the wind industry which also means it is critical to employing Americans.

I respectfully urge the committee to extend the wind energy production tax credit right away.

Sincerely,

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