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To: [waysandmeans.submissions@mail.house.gov](mailto:waysandmeans.submissions@mail.house.gov)

Dear Ways and Means Committee,

We are writing to you today as both citizens and business owners to express our deep concern over the lack of an extension of the Production Tax Credit (PTC) for the U.S. wind energy industry. As you know, the wind energy industry, a homegrown U.S. industry, has been growing at a rapid clip here in the U.S. and around the world (on average over 28% annual growth worldwide over the last 10 years according to [TheWindPower.net](http://TheWindPower.net), 2012). The wind industry is responsible for stimulating job growth via multi-billion dollar capital investments that breathe life into our national economy. The wind industry is also increasing our security by providing an independent source of long-term renewable energy. There are a lot of reasons to love the wind industry here in America: it creates jobs, channels investment dollars, contributes to energy security and reduces air pollution.

As you can imagine, with all the described benefits the wind industry provides, we are extremely frustrated that the industry is being stifled by the lack of a PTC. The lack of the PTC is driving wind manufacturing jobs offshore and delaying investment in new wind assets and research, and is slowing the spectacular momentum that has been building in the U.S. wind industry over the last several years (even during the worst of the global economic crisis). According to the American Wind Energy Association (AWEA), wind energy has accounted for the second-most new energy generating capacity over the last four years behind natural gas. Now is the time to act and extend the PTC to ensure that new wind assets are installed here in the U.S. and that America does NOT lose any more manufacturing jobs.

Our company, BlueDot Analytics, is a startup focusing on predictive maintenance, a strategy that the Department of Energy (DOE) asserts might be “the most cost effective of all O&M strategies.” The economics of the wind industry are important to small businesses like mine and many others out there. In fact, the PTC is important to many large companies in the U.S. as well, including public and private utilities across the country. The PTC for wind is only 2.2 cents per kWh and represents only a tiny fraction of the subsidies and credits offered to fossil fuels. Additionally, there is bipartisan support for the PTC extension. It seems there are no compelling reasons to NOT extend the PTC.

BlueDot Analytics urges you to extend the PTC for wind as a matter of priority and to keep the positive momentum in job growth, domestic capital investment, and energy security going at this still uncertain time in our economic recovery. American citizens and businesses of all shapes and

sizes are behind the extension of the PTC, so please extend the PTC right away! America is depending on these jobs, and investments for growth and prosperity. Please do not repeat the busts associated with past PTC expirations in 2000, 2002, and 2004. To be clear, **10,000's of jobs and multi-billion dollar investments are on the line** with the PTC.

Sincerely,

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