

*I, Burton Callicott, a College Librarian in Charleston, SC, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC).*

*At a time when we are faced with diminishing oil and coal reserves, it is vital to encourage all forms of alternative, renewable energy sources including wind energy. Even interrupting current incentives for a short period of time would set this industry back significantly and potentially be even fatal.*

*The PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year. Just off the coast of South Carolina near my home is one of the best locations for a wind farm in the whole country. Developing this resource would bring in construction jobs at first, and maintenance jobs in the long term, and generate revenue for our community schools and hospitals over the lifetime of the project. Increasing the amount of power that our country gets from clean, homegrown, affordable resources is an excellent thing for us to do – and this tax credit provides an incentive for the wind industry to continue to do just that.*

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

*Thank you for your consideration,*

*Burton.*

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