

To whom it may concern:

I, Chad Glinsky, am a recent graduate with a Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering (MSME), and I urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC). Upon completing my MSME degree in December 2011, I have resided in Colorado and searched for employment within the wind energy industry. The area surrounding Boulder, Colorado is considered a capital of wind energy engineering, due partly to the National Wind Technology Center being located just to the south. This area is where I have focused my job search efforts.

My academic history includes graduating Valedictorian of my high school, graduating number two in my undergraduate class in Mechanical Engineering at Michigan State University, only behind a gentleman with a perfect 4.0 GPA. Lastly, I graduated with a 3.95 GPA for my MSME degree with thesis research conducted on an advanced drivetrain design for wind turbines. Additionally, I have over a year and a half of engineering industry experience mixed in with my academic history, plus around two years of assistantship work in the academic industry.

Given my academic history, with focus on wind energy engineering, combined with my Colorado residency and job search focused on key players in the wind energy industry, one might presume landing a job would be a quick and simple task. Unfortunately, I have found it to be quite the contrary as I am still jobless, and I largely attribute this to the PTC uncertainty. In a period of four and a half months, I had a single interview which I expect to receive a response from this week. Instead of hiring, or even maintaining their current workforce, some companies are planning layoffs. I have felt the damaging effects of the looming PTC expiration first hand. I urge Congress to extend the PTC to secure jobs and sustain wind energy growth in our country.

Sincerely,  
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