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House Ways and Means Committee  
HEARING ON CERTAIN EXPIRING TAX PROVISIONS  
To The Committee Chairman:

Columbia Gear Corporation, a leading U.S. producer of Wind Turbine gears and transmission components, is a significant part of the Renewable Energy market segment. We urge Congress and your Committee, to take immediate steps for an early renewal of the Production Tax Credit for this critical industry.

Because of the uncertainty surrounding whether Congress will renew the Production Tax Credit for renewable energy industries, many businesses have placed hiring and investment plans in the U.S. on hold.

Our business has been affected by a decline in orders from our wind turbine customers. They invested millions in new plants to support Wind Energy in the U.S., and no longer have the orders to fill those plants. Part of the reason is the uncertain tax situation.

It is critical for America to take the necessary steps to support and grow renewable energy alternatives to reduce our reliance on foreign oil. Please take action on renewing the Production Tax Credit provision now.

Best Regards,

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