

I, David Rivers, of Hinesburg, Vermont, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

The PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year. I have seen the wind farm near my house revitalize my community – bringing in construction jobs at first, and maintenance jobs in the long term, and generating 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 will create jobs and reduce our dependency of foreign oil – and this tax credit provides an incentive for the wind industry to continue to do just that. As an employee currently working in the wind assessment field, extending the PTC is critical to my job and my livelihood.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

David Rivers