

Hearing on Certain Expiring Tax Provisions

I, Douglas Lawson, a landowner in Niotaze, Kansas, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

The Cross Timbers of Southeast Kansas has little agricultural and ranching value because of its rocky topography. But this is why it has recently become the site of the Elk Ridge Wind Farm. The wind energy production tax credit is transforming this historically underdeveloped zone.

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 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 report favorably on extending the wind energy production tax credit.

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