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Ways and Means Committee:

Re: Hearing on Certain Expiring Tax Provisions

I, Fred Thomas Teal, Jr. in Brookeville, MD, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

Without some degree of certainty about future policy, numerous firms will simply refuse to commit themselves to clean energy projects

The PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year. I have seen first hand the impact that local wind farms can foster in communities – bringing in construction jobs at first, and maintenance jobs in the future generating revenue for the community 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. The committee must understand that this is an issue about the future of America. We are still providing all kinds of tax subsidies for fossil fuel companies that offer huge profits in the present but without the development of a sustainable energy infrastructure, we will not have not tomorrow. Fossil fuels are ruining the climate, becoming increasingly expensive and shrinking in supply.

Think of our children, their health and economic prosperity. Please vote yes to extend the production tax credit.

Sincerely,

Fred T. Teal, Jr.