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Ways and Means Committee  
US House of Representatives  
Washington D.C.

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Dear Committee Members

I would like to add my name to the many from around the United States urging you to extend the Production Tax Credits for the Wind Industry. Our firm has trenched electrical cable and done many other types of work at a number of sites throughout the Midwest. We can have as many as 25 employees working on these projects at any one time. The jobs created by this portion of the wind energy field sometimes get forgotten. Construction jobs are great, and ongoing work is always needed to maintain the equipment and keep it running at peak efficiency. Many young people in our area have chosen this as a career and local colleges are offering degrees, to ensure we have skilled and qualified people running these huge investments. Are we prepared to tell them it has all been a hoax?

I realize other established industries, such as oil, coal and natural gas, are doing everything in their power to scuttle new technologies. It wasn't far in our countries' past that they were also groups of fledgling companies looking to better themselves and the federal and state governments were still aiding and subsidizing their activities. We ask for a level playing field. Wind's costs per KW continue to improve and the wind always blows for free. It doesn't have any harmful effects on the environment.

This needs to be addressed immediately. Just as a factory doesn't start with the turn of a switch, not doing something now will lead to shut downs of thousands of jobs that won't come back just because you do something later. Our firm will be greatly affected should the wind energy industry continue to be a ball kicked back and forth on political whims. We need more certainty. The idea of phased reduction of subsidies holds much promise. Please do everything you can to not pull the plug completely on such an important part of our society and economy.

Respectfully

Tim Fredrickson, Controller