I, Jane Offringa Rowan, a Principal Senior Scientist in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

I am a wetland and water resources scientist with many years of experience in analyzing the environmental damage that takes place due to impacts associated with traditional energy production, from mining to cooling, to generation. I am a wind advocate because wind requires no water and does not impact water quality. It is a highly effective way to generate electricity without impacting air quality. Wind energy production results in some minor environmental impacts, but given the dire condition of water volume and quality in many areas in this country I believe that wind energy development is essential. In addition, I want very badly to not rely on our enemies to provide us with the fuel we need to maintain our national security and standard of living. We need to be independent of other countries and I believe the best way to achieve this is by maximizing the generation of energy in our country using a variety of means. Wind may not be a traditional way of producing electricity, but it is the only way to produce energy without impacting the environment. Maximizing wind development could be a great way to invest in the “grid”, that will keep electricity flowing consistently in the United States.

Finally, wind energy production and the need for fabrication of wind turbines in our country will produce jobs. The wind energy development community tends to consist of small entrepreneurs and I think it is essential that we support the development and success of this business sector that seems to be running more because of their passion for clean energy production than for generating a lot of corporate dollars.

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

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Best regards,

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