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To House Ways and Means Committee:

I, Janet Hirschhorn, a nurse from Methuen MA, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

I would like to see it made a permanent part of our tax code, as the need it fills is not a temporary one.

Congress should not wait to extend the credit until just before or after it expires, in order to eliminate election oriented grandstanding from negatively impacting this important legislation. I don't want to see it become just another bargaining chip.

The PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year. Wind farms generate revenue for our communities and, by eliminating pollution, protect the health and safety of our citizens.

Increasing the amount of power that our country gets from clean, homegrown, affordable resources is not only environmentally responsible. It is also a political imperative as a way to take our energy dollars out of the hands of foreign oil producers, thus reducing our trade imbalance and taking power away from sometimes hostile governments.

This tax credit provides an incentive for the wind industry to continue to accomplish all these goals.

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