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I, Josh Green, Biology Graduate Student, Grand Valley State University, Michigan, respectfully urge you to extend the Wind Energy production tax credit.

Although we have made some great advances in wind energy production in the recent years, I still believe that we have a long ways to go. There is still a need to advance technology to make wind energy more affordable for the general public, so that more small business have the ability to make a profit from switching to an alternative form of energy production. Additionally, these advancements could make wind energy a more feasible alternative for the general public, so that almost everyone would have access to producing their own energy, which is the biggest step in shifting our dependence away from oil imports. Today, more than ever, it is imperative that we begin to reduce our alliance on oil in order to better our economy and our environment. By moving to alternative energies, such as wind energy, we can be prepared for the inevitable depletion of our oil reserves, which could be detrimental to our economy. Wind energy will also create many jobs that will benefit our economy. Furthermore, we could protect our precious natural areas like the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge from drilling that is unnecessary, because we have the technology to avoid it. Moving towards wind energy is also important in reducing our carbon dioxide emissions, so that we can drastically reduce our footprint on climate change and reduce the potential effects of increased temperature, precipitation, and global sea level that have been predicted by many climate models.

As you can see, wind energy will have great benefits to our economy and environment, but there are still advancements that need to be made before it has an impact and I ask that you continue to support it as we continue to make these advancements. This tax credit helps drive the wind industry towards making these necessary advancements to secure our future. Thank you for your time.