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For 20 years, taxpayers have propped up the wind energy industry. Despite many tens of billions of dollars (\$14 billion last year) given to them via the production tax credit, the more recent investment tax credit, and other tax and regulatory provisions, as well as loan guarantees and outright grants, the industry still comes begging.

And even after 20 years of such largesse, the industry cannot show any meaningful benefit concerning any energy, pollution, or carbon problem. In fact, they cannot produce electricity at nameplate capacity with any existing turbine; some will say that their use of energy from the grid, as well as the adjustments to the generators made necessary by sporadic contributions to the grid, use energy and create further carbon emissions that are not accounted for.

Further, rural communities, such as ours, Madison NY, have been left divided, landscapes degraded, bird and bat populations threatened, and already dwindling natural habitats destroyed. Once they have a foothold in a town, they are somewhat ruthless in pursuing build-outs and additional projects which only make the threats worse. The contribution of wind energy to the overall goal of green, sustainable energy in the US is negligible.

Finally, instead of cutting programs that are necessary for some people to survive and make progress toward becoming self-sufficient, cut these kinds of subsidies that are completely unhelpful and in and of themselves, wasteful.

I urge you to END the Production Tax Credit, the Investment Tax Credit, and any other federal support of industrial wind energy.

Sincerely,

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