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Title of Hearing: Hearing on Certain Expiring Tax Provisions

I, Kathy McIntyre, Editor of the Gateway News in Commerce City, Colorado, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

Do not wait to extend the credit as the delay will cause undue stress right here in my own community as we have the Vestas wind turbine plant here that employees many of our residents. There is no need to wait and there is no doubt in anyone's mind that wind is one of the very best renewable energy sources the world has. Please from a community that is counting on you to make the right decision.

The PTC drives billions of dollars in private investment in homegrown American wind power each year. I have seen the wind farm near my house revitalize my community – bringing in construction jobs at first, and maintenance jobs in the long term, and generating revenue for our community schools and hospitals over the lifetime of the project. Increasing the amount of power that our country gets from clean, homegrown, affordable resources is an excellent thing for us to do – and this tax credit provides an incentive for the wind industry to continue to do just that.

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

Sincerely and respectfully,

Kathy McIntyre