Dear Senators and Congressmen of the Ways and Means Committee,

Please extend the Wind Energy Production Tax Credit as soon as possible. I am fully aware that in these difficult times sacrifices must be made but this is not one of them. Not passing this bill has hurt the wind industry severely here in Colorado. Hundreds of employees of Vestas Wind Turbines are facing layoffs. All future new site plans are shelved. And many individuals like myself who have invested in our futures by going to college and incurring heavy student loans are now facing giving up on our future in wind with no way to pay back those loans. I personally have had to go on food stamps, defer my loan payments, take up a seasonal low paying job, and put my home up for sale.

I want to remind you that everyone gains by creating wind farms. The revenue wind farms bring in branches out to so many, from landowners to county tax revenues, to even the power companies when they’re not producing. And, all the many companies who not only make the turbines but all those who build the small parts, ans those who install and maintain them.

So, I respectfully ask you to move the PTC through as soon as possible before any more damage occurs. Please move now.

Thank You

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