I, Larry Rogero, of Ojai, CA respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy Production Tax Credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

The existence of the PTC over the last three years has allowed the leveraging of a relatively small amount of tax credits into over $30 billion of private investments in American based wind energy projects. This investment by the Federal government in these infrastructure projects have in turn spun-off annual property tax revenues, community development fees and private landowner payments that have provided critical economic support to local communities across the United States.

This investment by the Federal government has also resulted in high wage earning jobs for both white and blue collar workers. These well paying jobs generate sales, payroll and federal income taxes that have and will continue to provide much needed support to highly stressed local, State and Federal fiscal budgets. From an economic stewardship perspective, the American people simply want our elected officials to invest our hard earned and grudgingly paid taxes into initiatives and projects that provide a sustainable return on investment. The wind energy Production Tax Credit is exactly the type of investment a vast majority of American have and will continue to support.

Americans stand firmly behind the idea of developing and generating of homegrown and clean energy resources. The extension of the PTC for wind energy development projects is aligned with the values of the American people because it is a wise economic investment and sustainable part of the solutions needed to meet our current and future energy needs.

I urge the committee to take up and support an extension of the wind energy Production Tax Credit post haste.

Sincerely,

Larry Rogero