Dear Honorable Committee Members:

The fact that the Chinese are now ahead of the U.S.A. in renewable technologies is disturbing to me. As you well know, their government is pouring billions of dollars into wind and solar technologies. The Chinese are now establishing themselves as a dominant factor within the American solar market. I am also aware of several wind energy projects on U.S. soil sponsored by the Chinese.

The lack of certainty for the PTC extension is greatly hampering the American renewable energy market. It is an injustice to this energy sector that tax credits are not permanent. If the PTC is not extended, then government assistance to all energy sectors should be discontinued. Wind energy, for example, could compete with other established energy sources, if the playing fields were leveled.

This is not the time to cater to special interests in establishing present and future energy needs for this country. With our growing population and technological needs, we need every avenue of energy sources. I respectfully urge you to extend the PTC for at least 10 years, or make it permanent. America needs renewable energy. Advancements in renewable energy projects will create revenue and American jobs.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mike Long