

Ways and Means Committee,

Taller Wind Towers, LLC (doing business as Northstar Wind), based in Blair, Nebraska is in the business of designing, having manufactured, and selling modular wind towers for the utility scale wind energy business that utilize cutting edge technology and protected intellectual property.

Northstar strongly urges Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible as it is critical to keeping thousands of US jobs from going away and potentially moving overseas.

With the uncertainty that surrounds the renewal of the PTC and resulting shutdown that this will cause for new projects in 2013 for the US Wind Energy industry, we are unfortunately on the verge of having to close our North American business and focus on transferring our technology to China or Europe where government energy policies are both stable and supportive of renewable energy technology.

If it is the goal of Congress to eliminate thousands of good paying American jobs and further imperil our energy future, then please continue your partisan bickering and fighting and do nothing with respect to extending the PTC. However, if Congress truly does care about the long-term energy future and the employment of tens of thousands of people of this great country, we strongly urge this committee to immediately take up an extension of the PTC.

Respectfully,

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