

I work for Nordex USA, Inc. in Chicago, IL. **Nordex USA, Inc.** is a leading manufacturer of utility scale wind turbines. We entered the US market in September 2008, establishing our headquarters in Chicago, investing \$42 million in a production facility in Jonesboro, Arkansas and servicing wind farms spread across the United States. We now employ around 250 and last year, according to the MAKE Report of March 2012, we were sixth largest in terms of turbine installations among a field of 27 competitors. As an important participant in the wind industry, we urge Congress to extend the wind energy Production Tax Credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

Without the certainty of this business incentive beyond this year, however, American jobs and investment dollars are at risk. The American wind industry needs policy certainty in order to continue to contribute economic growth. We hope the Ways and Means Committee will take up the PTC extension right away.

Since starting in this industry in 2006 and working in it in multiple countries and states, I have seen the impact of tax and energy policies on job creation and economic growth first hand. I have seen the uncertainty of expiring policy costing jobs and investments. Only a long term stable policy can smooth out these fluctuations and lead the US to regain its leadership role in clean energy.