

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

April 26, 2012

The Honorable Pat Tiberi  
Chairman  
U.S. House Ways and Means Subcommittee  
on Select Revenue Measures  
106 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Richard Neal  
Ranking Member  
U.S. House Ways and Means Subcommittee  
on Select Revenue Measures  
2208 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Tiberi and Ranking Member Neal:

As you evaluate tax provisions that either expired in 2011 or will expire in 2012, we write to highlight our belief that extension of the production tax credit is firmly in the national interest and a vital component of America's future competitiveness and we urge its inclusion the next available piece of tax legislation.

The wind industry is creating thousands of jobs across the country, supporting the work of hundreds of wind-related manufacturing facilities, and offering lease payments to thousands of farmers and ranchers. Thirty-eight states have utility-scale wind projects, powering more than 12 million homes. Wind energy drives the diversification of our energy supply and strengthens our resilience to energy related challenges, while improving our national energy security. Additionally, the more than 40,000 megawatts of wind power installed through 2010 annually avoids 83.5 million tons of carbon pollution.

The production tax credit, which enjoys broad support across regions and across the political spectrum, has underwritten many of these developments. In fact, there is a strong correlation to industry growth and the existence of the credit. In years following expiration of the credit, for instance, installations dropped between 79-93%, resulting in major job losses and lost opportunities. The uncertainty caused by the looming expiration of the credit is already hampering future industry growth. Given our expanding but still fragile economy, now is not the time to undermine these substantial public and private investments.

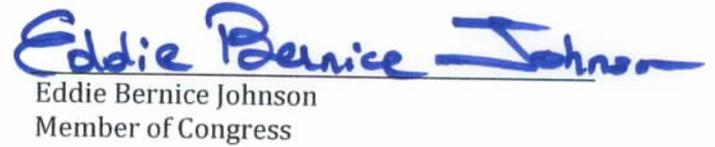
Thank you for your careful consideration of this incentive.

Sincerely,

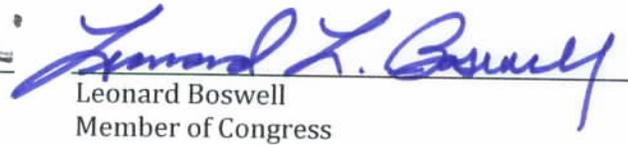
  
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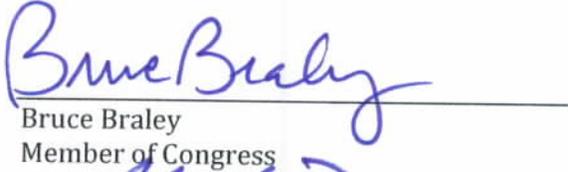
  
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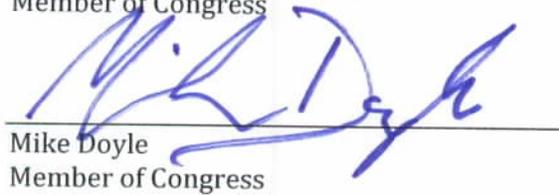
  
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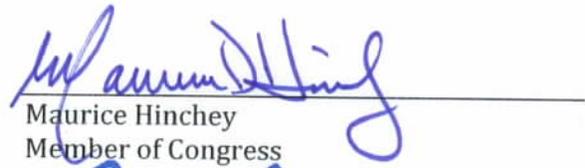
  
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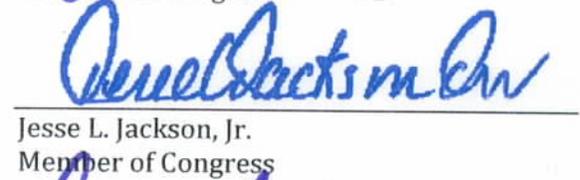
  
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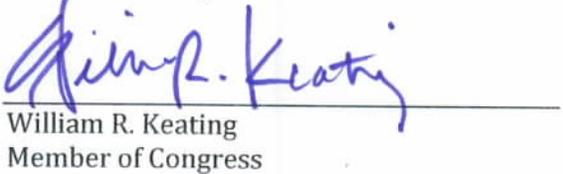
  
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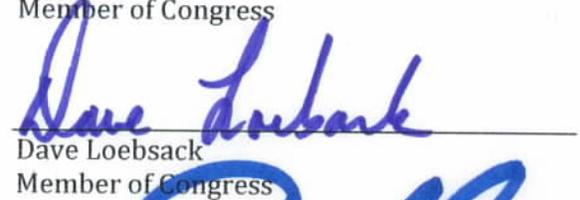
  
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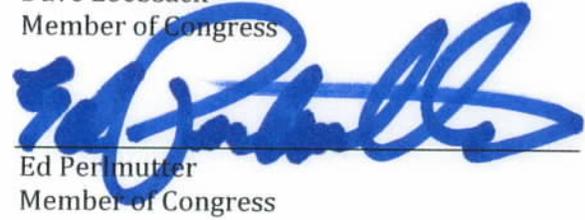
  
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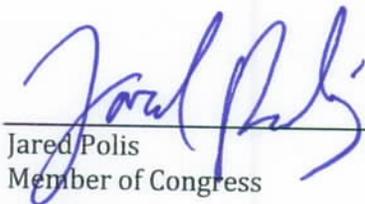
  
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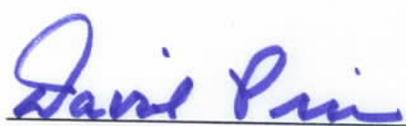
  
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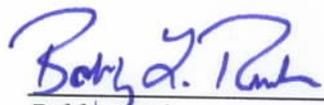
  
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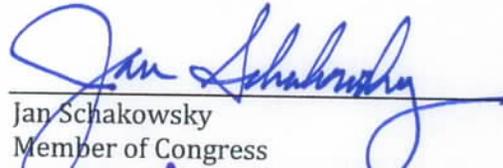
  
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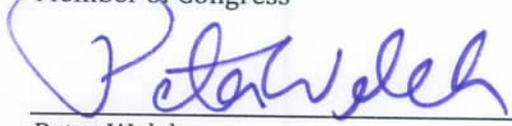
  
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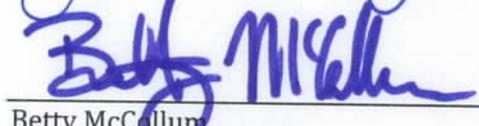
  
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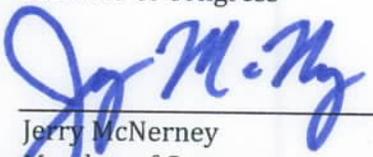
  
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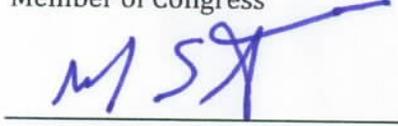
  
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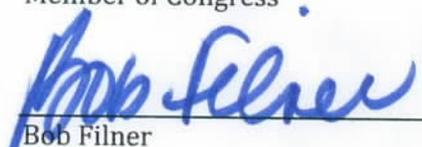
  
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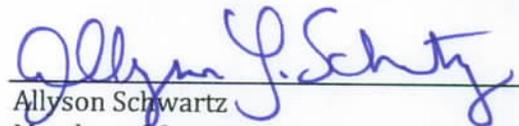
  
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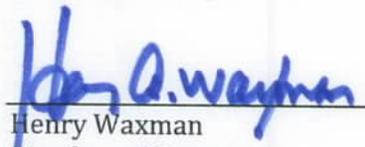
  
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