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I, Roberta Rothkin, respectfully urge Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

Doing this can help resolve several issues in the Hudson Valley area:

1. Several companies, including Siemens, manufacture the wind turbines used in wind energy. Keeping this tax credit will help keep these jobs and may help increase the number of jobs in wind energy.
2. The Indian Point Energy Center plants are reaching the end of their licensing terms. Even if these plants are given another 20 years to operate, this is not a good idea due to the risk of an accident. Encouragement should be given in various ways (including the tax credit) to have homeowners and business owners take advantage of generating wind power (either small units that can be put on a house or in a backyard, along with larger units that can be put in an office complex). While wind power may not fully replace what Indian Point generates, wind power should certainly be looked at as one component of a multi-pronged strategy to replace nuclear power in the Hudson Valley.

I urge the committee to take up an extension of the wind energy production tax credit right away.

Sincerely,

Roberta Rothkin