Siemens, a leading wind project developer and manufacturer whose U.S. base is in Orlando, Florida urges Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

-I, Jeff Rainer, work for Siemens Energy in the wind division. I have worked in the wind industry for the past 11 years with both General Electric and Siemens. I can personally attest to the lack of PTC directly affecting my ability to work and provide for my family. There is no stronger example of that than my next assignment. It will not be in Texas, Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Iowa or any of the other states that have been so receptive to wind energy it will be in Brazil. These states will not see the benefit of green energy and the jobs that come with it. Instead this year my company has plans to have me teach Brazilians what we have painstakingly learned for ourselves in the past decade of wind industry boom. Keep me home and productive.

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