

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

WindGuard North America, Inc., a leading wind consultant based in Springfield, Virginia, urges Congress to extend the wind energy production tax credit (PTC) as quickly as possible.

WindGuard provides its clients engineering services of the highest standards in all areas of wind energy utilization. With the PTC's future being so uncertain, our corporate headquarters in Germany is seriously considering closing its US office and instead of investing about \$2 million in further services and possibly a wind tunnel here, funding, services and staff resources remain in Europe. This will result in the loss of new investment, jobs, tax dollars and industry benefits shifting away from the US, as a direct result of Congress' delay in passing a timely extension of the PTC.

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

Thank you very much for your time and especially your consideration.

Cordially,  
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