Hearing on Certain Expiring Tax Provisions

I, Tim Manley, am one of three partners who own and operate Wind Clean Corp, a company that provides coatings and assembly of wind towers, the final step in the production process for wind tower sections, prior to being shipped to the site for erection. Our company has been in business since 2001. We currently employ approximately 80 employees but have employed as many as 150. We have seen the dramatic ebb and flow that the expiration and renewal of the PTC has caused over these past 11 years, as evidenced by our fluctuation in employees. The best thing the government can do to create jobs is to continue to invest, via the PTC, in the wind industry. A three year extension of the PTC will allow our investment in this industry to grow and generate more jobs for our nation and our community. It will enable our company, and companies like ours in this industry, to do long term planning and investing, which is critical for success in any industry.

Coleman, Texas, is a perfect example of a poor Texas rural community. The population is about 5,000 people with only about 9,000 in the whole county. Our company provides good paying jobs, with good benefits, including health insurance, for this community. The more jobs we provide the greater positive impact to the Coleman community and its citizens. Wind Clean has a strong commitment to the community, providing jobs and supporting civic and charitable organizations with donations and volunteers, so that we can have a direct impact on improving the quality of life in Coleman County. This is what American small business does best. We simply want our government to give us the best opportunity for success.

I respectfully urge Congress to get this one right and extend the PTC for the wind industry for another three years. Once this extension is completed, I believe the industry should be able to sustain itself without subsidies in the future. Yes, this will be an expense in the federal budget. But the tax revenue and jobs created by the growth in our industry will more than offset this cost. More importantly, the positive impact will continue on well past the expiration of the PTC in 2015.

The wind industry is a key component in a sustainable long term energy policy that the United States badly needs. All forms of energy generation have a place in this policy. Our goal should be complete energy independence. This will require more oil and gas exploration as well as development of renewable energy industries. This is what the American people need and want, now and in the future, for generations to come.
I appreciate the opportunity to present my input to this hearing. I sincerely hope my voice is heard, for the sake of the Coleman community and this country.

God Bless America!

Respectfully,

Tim Manley
VP/Owner
Wind Clean Corp