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Committee Members,

We have a nationwide goal to increase manufacturing jobs and to stimulate the construction industry. Seems logical, then, that we would want to stimulate the wind energy industry.

In order to incent companies to build a strong manufacturing base, the market must be transparent and relatively serene. There will be new electrical generating facilities built in this country, it is just a matter of when and what type. Intermittent renewals of the Wind Production Tax Credit are hindering the wind energy industry and job growth in the supporting manufacturing sector, as well as the construction sector.