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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid
Senate Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
House Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Senate Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dave Camp
Chair, Ways and Means Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Max Baucus
Chair, Finance Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member, Ways and Means Committee
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Orrin Hatch
Ranking Member, Finance Committee
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Boehner, Majority Leader Reid, Minority Leader Pelosi, Minority Leader McConnell, Chairman Camp, Chairman Baucus, Ranking Member Levin, and Ranking Member Hatch:

We are writing to encourage you to keep Americans at work while promoting energy security, economic development, and a clean affordable electricity supply by passing a four-year extension of the renewable energy production tax credit (PTC) before the end of this calendar year. It is urgent that we avoid the looming tax increase on wind energy, as investments are stalling now and will continue to stall, with corresponding job losses, until a bill to extend the PTC is passed.

The federal PTC is an effective tool to keep electricity rates low and encourage development of proven clean energy projects, which must play a central role in America's long-term electric energy supply. Equipped with the PTC, the wind energy industry has contributed impressively to U.S. economic development. Since 2005, the wind industry has spurred more than $60 billion of investment. Today, over 400 facilities across 43 states manufacture for the wind energy industry. US wind turbine manufacturing has grown 12-fold – 60% of a wind turbine's value is now produced here in America, as compared to 25% prior to 2005. Further, costs have been reduced over 90% since 1980, recently driven by a surge in game-changing technological advances. In the last four years, wind energy has provided 35% of all new U.S. power capacity.

Yet despite its clear success, the PTC has been allowed to expire frequently and is again set to expire at the end of 2012. Now is not the time to increase taxes on wind energy. The PTC should be extended for at least another four years so that American know-how can keep producing domestic clean energy. When the PTC has expired in the past, installations have dropped between 73 and 93 percent, with corresponding job losses. An expiration at this time would jeopardize this new American manufacturing sector.

The next few years are critical to ensure that properly sited wind energy is a viable part of a balanced domestic electricity portfolio. We look forward to working with you to continue creating economic opportunities for American communities through clean, affordable, and homegrown wind energy.

Sincerely,

Alaska Applied Sciences, Inc., Juneau, AK
O'Neal Industries, Birmingham, AL
Signal International, Inc., Mobile, AL
Vectorply Corporation, Phenix City, AL
Winds of Change Leaseholding LLC, Humphrey, AR
LM Wind Power, Inc., Little Rock, AR
TPI Composites, Inc., Scottsdale, AZ
UniSource Energy Corporation, Tucson, AZ
Lawrence Roll-Up Doors, Inc., Baldwin Park, CA
California Wind Energy Association, Berkeley, CA
RAM Associates, Brentwood, CA
Clipper Windpower, Carpinteria, CA
Oak Creek Energy, Escondido, CA
Bal Seal Engineering, Inc., Foothill Ranch, CA
Airtech International, Inc., Huntington Beach, CA
Debenham Energy LLC, Lakeside, CA
Kousa International LLC, Los Angeles, CA
Union Bank, Los Angeles, CA
Mitsubishi Power Systems Americas, Inc., Newport, CA
Whitewater Maintenance Corporation, North Palm Springs, CA
Whitewater Wind Energy, Inc., North Palm Springs, CA
Renewable Energy Consulting Services, Inc., Palo Alto, CA
LH Renewables, Redlands, CA
San Gorgonio Farms, Inc., Redondo Beach, CA
Independent Energy Producers Association, Sacramento, CA
enXco, San Diego, CA
Eurus Energy America Corporation, San Diego, CA
GL Garrad Hassan, San Diego, CA
Renewable Strategies LLC, San Diego, CA
Port of San Diego, San Diego, CA
Talco Electronics, San Diego, CA
Center for Resource Solutions, San Francisco, CA
Pacific Gas & Electric Company, San Francisco, CA
Pattern Energy, San Francisco, CA
Sierra Club, San Francisco, CA
Infinity Wind Power, Santa Barbara, CA
Rope Partner, Inc., Santa Cruz, CA
World Wind Services, Tehachapi, CA
Whitewater Energy Corporation, Torrance, CA
PowerWorks LLC, Tracy, CA
MATZ + CIF LLC, Aurora, CO

O'Neal Steel, Inc., Aurora, CO
Boulder Wind Power, Boulder, CO
Intermountain Wind LLC, Boulder, CO
juwi Wind Energy USA, Boulder, CO
RES Americas, Broomfield, CO
Chimney Rock Capital Partners, Denver, CO
Colorado IPP Group, Colorado Independent Energy Association, Denver, CO
Colorado Renewable Energy Society, Denver, CO
Interwest Energy Alliance, Denver, CO
Kenersys Americas, Denver, CO
Knight Piesold, Denver, CO
REpower USA Corporation, Denver, CO
Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, Denver, CO
Western Governors' Association, Denver, CO
Power Company of Wyoming LLC, Denver, CO
Solas Energy Consulting US, Inc., Fort Collins, CO
PMC Hydraulics, Inc, Golden, CO
SGB USA, Inc., Golden, CO
Disgen Development Services LLC, Lakewood, CO
Lincoln County Economic Development Corporation, Limon, CO
Town of Limon, Limon, CO
City of Sterling, Sterling, CO
Logan County Commissioners, Sterling, CO
Logan County Economic Development Corporation, Sterling, CO
Green Energy 911 LLC, Thornton, CO
RENEW New England, Madison, CT
Stran Technologies, Naugatuck, CT
American Corn Growers Association, Washington, DC
American Council of Engineering Companies, Washington, DC
American Farm Bureau Federation, Washington, DC
American Great Lakes Ports Association, Washington, DC
American Wind Energy Association, Washington, DC
Clean Economy Network, Washington, DC
Defenders of Wildlife, Washington, DC
Earth Day Network, Washington, DC
Earth Policy Institute, Washington, DC
Edison Electric Institute, Washington, DC
Friends Committee on National Legislation, Washington, DC
League of Conservation Voters, Washington, DC
MAPA Group, Washington, DC
National Association of Manufacturers, Washington, DC
National Farmers Union, Washington, DC
The Pew Environment Group, Washington, DC
The Wilderness Society, Washington, DC
United Steelworkers, Washington, DC
World Wildlife Fund, Washington, DC
Scaled Energy LLC, Fort Myers, FL
NextEra Energy Resources, Juno Beach, FL

Siemens Energy, Orlando, FL
DeTect, Inc., Panama City, FL
Nextwind, Inc., St. Augustine, FL
American Energy Innovations LLC, Stuart, FL
ARI Green Energy, Inc., Yulee, FL
DBI Plastics N.A., Inc., Atlanta, GA
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, Atlanta, GA
Zoppas Industries, Atlanta, GA
ZF Wind Power LLC, Gainesville, GA
Sany Electric, Peachtree City, GA
Rossi, Suwanee, GA
Heston Wind & Renewable Energy, Bettendorf, IA
Alfagomma America, Burlington, IA
Webber Metal Products, Inc., Cascade, IA
Sadler Machine Company, Cedar Rapids, IA
Snyder & Associates, Inc., Council Bluffs, IA
Iowa Environmental Council, Des Moines, IA
MH&W International Corporation, Des Moines, IA
MidAmerican Energy Company, Des Moines, IA
EIMCo, Inc., Farley, IA
Wind Utility Consulting, PC, Jamaica, IA
Acterra Group, Inc., Marion, IA
Iowa Wind Energy Association, Milford, IA
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation, West Des Moines, IA
Idaho Conservation League, Boise, ID
Composites One, Arlington Heights, IL
Titan Tool Works LLC, Carol Stream, IL
ACCIONA Energy North America, Chicago, IL
Akuo Energy USA, Chicago, IL
E.ON Climate & Renewables North America LLC, Chicago, IL
Environmental Law & Policy Center, Chicago, IL
Invenergy LLC, Chicago, IL
JPMorgan Capital Corporation, Chicago, IL
Lubbock Economic Development Alliance, Chicago, IL
Mainstream Renewable Power, Chicago, IL
Nordex USA, Inc., Chicago, IL
PNE WIND USA, Inc., Chicago, IL
Suzlon Wind Energy Corporation, Chicago, IL
Tempel, Chicago, IL
Leeco Steel, Darien, IL
Crescent Electric Supply Company, East Dubuque, IL
Winergy Drive Systems Corporation, Elgin, IL
Alliant Energy Corporation, Geneva, IL
SSAB Americas, Lisle, IL
ITH Engineering, Inc., McHenry, IL
Pride Machine Tool, Inc., Melrose, IL
NTN Bearing Corporation, Mount Prospect, IL
Broadwind Energy, Inc., Naperville, IL

Rock Wind LLC, Rockford, IL
Sumitomo Corporation of America, Rosemont, IL
MasTec, Sugar Grove, IL
Bedford Machine and Tool, Inc., Bedford, IN
Hoosier Environmental Council, Indianapolis, IN
Wind Energy Manufacturers Association, Indianapolis, IN
White County Economic Development, Monticello, IN
Reno County Wind Initiative, Hutchinson, KS
Climate + Energy Project, Lawrence, KS
TradeWind Energy LLC, Lenexa, KS
Progressive Products, Inc., Pittsburg, KS
Alltite, Inc., Wichita, KS
Balluff, Inc., Florence, KY
The ReGen Group, New Orleans, LA
CP Global, Boston, MA
Environment America, Boston, MA
FGE Power, Boston, MA
First Wind, Boston, MA
Competitive Power Ventures, Braintree, MA
Union of Concerned Scientists, Cambridge, MA
Clean Power Now, Hyannis, MA
K2 Management, Inc., Needham, MA
Duromar, Inc., Pembroke, MA
Boreas Renewables LLC, Somerville, MA
Second Wind, Somerville, MA
National Grid, Westborough, MA
PcVue, Inc., Woburn, MA
NADICOM, Fulton, MD
Izaak Walton League of America, Gaithersburg, MD
FIBOX Enclosures, Glen Burnie, MD
Chesapeake Climate Action Network, Takoma Park, MD
Windependence/Community Energy Partners LLC, Freeport, ME
James W. Sewall Company, Old Town, ME
Sargent Corporation, Stillwater, ME
Orisol Energy, Ann Arbor, MI
Kinetik Partners, Berkley, MI
Danotek Motion Technologies, Canton, MI
Energetx Composites, Holland, MI
Ventower Industries, Monroe, MI
Kaydon Corporation, Muskegon, MI
Atwell LLC, Southfield, MI
Blattner Energy, Inc., Avon, MN
ALLETE/Minnesota Power, Duluth, MN
Westwood Professional Services, Eden Prairie, MN
Otter Tail Power Company, Fergus Falls, MN
Southwest Initiative Foundation, Hutchinson, MN
Environment Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
Front Row Energy, Minneapolis, MN

Mortenson Construction, Minneapolis, MN
Project Resources Corporation, Minneapolis, MN
Zero-Max, Inc., Plymouth, MN
Fresh Energy, St. Paul, MN
KidWind Project, St. Paul, MN
Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, St. Paul, MN
Wind on the Wires, St. Paul, MN
American Wind Management, Inc., Tower, MN
Integrated Wind Energy Services, Cape Girardeau, MO
Carthage Chamber of Commerce, Carthage, MO
Able Manufacturing & Assembly, Joplin, MO
CNC Machine Products, Inc., Joplin, MO
Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce, Joplin, MO
Midcon Cables Company, Joplin, MO
EnPower Staffing LLC, Kansas City, MO
Pinnacle Career Institute, Kansas City, MO
Neosho Missouri Chamber Of Commerce, Neosho, MO
Wind Capital Group, St. Louis, MO
Affinity Wind LLC, St. Louis, MO
A-T Ranch LLC, Belt, MT
High Plains Architects, Billings, MT
Northern Plains Resource Council, Billings, MT
NS2 Energy North America LLC, Billings, MT
Wind Chasers LLC, Bozeman, MT
Capital Communications, Helena, MT
Montana Environmental Information Center, Helena, MT
Kent Watson & Associates, Missoula, MT
Montana Renewable Energy Association, Missoula, MT
Windmaker Energy LLC, Whitefish, MT
AKG of America, Inc., Mebane, NC
Wieland Electric, Inc., Burgaw, NC
Comer Industries, Inc., Charlotte, NC
Duke Energy Renewables, Charlotte, NC
Nucor Steel, Charlotte, NC
Baltek, Inc., Colfax, NC
ABB, Inc., Raleigh, NC
Wind Energy Supply, Inc., Shelby, NC
North Dakota Alliance for Renewable Energy, Bismarck, ND
DMI Industries, Fargo, ND
Otter Tail Corporation, Fargo, ND
EAPC Wind Energy, Grand Forks, ND
Wind Marketing Alliance, West Fargo, ND
NorthStar Wind LLC, Blair, NE
Center for Rural Affairs, Lyons, NE
Sprague Energy Corporation, Portsmouth, NH
Power Communications, Cliffside Park, NJ
Doosan Heavy Industries America Corporation, Fort Lee, NJ
Pioneer Power Solutions, Inc., Fort Lee, NJ

Ports America, Iselin, NJ
Merrick & Company, Mahwah, NJ
Andantex USA, Inc., Wanamassa, NJ
E&M International, Inc., Albuquerque, NM
Farmers' Electric Cooperative, Inc. of New Mexico, Clovis, NM
Acoustic Ecology Institute, Santa Fe, NM
Dongkuk S&C, Las Vegas, NV
Nevada Wilderness Project, Las Vegas, NV
Alliance for Clean Energy New York, Albany, NY
AWS Truepower LLC, Albany, NY
CG Holdings USA, Inc., Albany, NY
Integrated Environmental Data LLC, Berne, NY
OwnEnergy, Inc., Brooklyn, NY
Eastman Machine, Buffalo, NY
Renewable Energy Long Island, East Hampton, NY
Riverview Consulting, Inc., Irvington, NY
Laufer Wind Group, New York, NY
National Audubon Society, New York, NY
Natural Resources Defense Council, New York, NY
Terra-Gen Power LLC, New York, NY
Ioxus, Inc., Oneonta, NY
Sustainable Energy Development, Inc., Ontario, NY
Miller Marine Services, Inc., Port Jefferson, NY
Fisher Associates, P.E., L.S., P.C., Rochester, NY
Natural Power Consultants Ltd., Saratoga Springs, NY
Global Capital Finance Americas LLC, White Plains, NY
Molded Fiber Glass Companies, Ashtabula, OH
Precision Machined Products Association, Brecksville, OH
McSwain Manufacturing Corporation, Cincinnati, OH
GLWN, Global WIND Network, Cleveland, OH
LEEDCo, Cleveland, OH
National Tooling & Machining Association, Independence, OH
Precision Metalforming Association, Independence, OH
Ferro Corporation, Mayfield Heights, OH
WebCore Technologies LLC, Miamisburg, OH
Kalt Manufacturing Company, North Ridgeville, OH
PT Tech, Inc., Sharon Center, OH
Pepperl+Fuchs, Inc., Twinsburg, OH
IMDS Energy Systems, Youngstown, OH
OGE Energy Corporation, Oklahoma City, OK
E6USA LLC, Tulsa, OK
Citizens' Utility Board of Oregon, Portland, OR
Diane Henkels, Attorney at Law, Portland, OR
Element Power US LLC, Portland, OR
Equilibrium Equipment Finance, Portland, OR
Iberdrola Renewables, Portland, OR
Oregon Interfaith Power and Light, Portland, OR
Pacific Power, Portland, OR

Portland Development Commission, Portland, OR
Portland General Electric, Portland, OR
Renewable Northwest Project, Portland, OR
Vestas-American Wind Technology, Inc., Portland, OR
HYDAC International, Bethlehem, PA
Home wind.net, Center Valley, PA
PPG Industries, Inc., Cheswick, PA
US Wind Force LLC, Greensburg, PA
Phoenix Contact, Inc., Harrisburg, PA
Gamesa Wind US, Langhorne, PA
SKF USA, Lansdale, PA
Mid-Atlantic Renewable Energy Coalition, Philadelphia, PA
PennFuture, Philadelphia, PA
Simkar LLC, Philadelphia, PA
EverPower Wind Holdings, Inc., Pittsburgh, PA
ESAB Welding & Cutting, Florence, SC
Schaeffler Group USA, Inc., Fort Mill, SC
Iljin America, Greer, SC
Dakota Plains Energy, Aberdeen, SD
ReNew Energy Maintenance LLC, Sioux Falls, SD
SIAG Aerisyn, Chattanooga, TN
Flash Technology, Franklin, TN
Class 4 Winds, Inc., Amarillo, TX
The Wind Coalition, Austin, TX
Barr Fabrication/Field Services LLC, Brownwood, TX
Infigen Energy, Dallas, TX
Trinity Structural Towers, Inc., Dallas, TX
Trinity Utility Structures LLC, Dallas, TX
DIAB Sales, Inc., DeSoto, TX
Dumas Economic Development Corporation, Dumas, TX
Higher Power Energy, Flower Mound, TX
Port Freeport, Freeport, TX
Clean Line Energy Partners, Houston, TX
EDP Renewables North America LLC, Houston, TX
Iv-AGA LLC, Houston, TX
Samsung Heavy Industries Company, Ltd., Houston, TX
Strathmore Products, Inc., Longview, TX
Lotus Creative Innovations, Lubbock, TX
Ports to Plains Alliance, Lubbock, TX
RD Energy Group LLC, Lubbock, TX
Sustainable Energy Strategies, Inc., Lubbock, TX
Tri Global Energy LLC, Lubbock, TX
EI-ETS, Mesquite, TX
Odessa Industrial Development Corporation, Odessa, TX
Dan Dear Trucking, Palestine, TX
ES Group, Inc., Porter, TX
The High Ground of Texas, Stratford, TX
Sweetwater Enterprise for Economic Development, Sweetwater, TX

Texas Wind Energy Clearinghouse, Sweetwater, TX
Texas Farm Bureau, Waco, TX
Petzl America, Clearfield, UT
Park City Mountain Resort, Park City, UT
Park City Municipal Corporation, Park City, UT
Wasatch Wind, Park City, UT
Rocky Mountain Power, Salt Lake City, UT
Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, UT
Unishippers of Montana, Salt Lake City, UT
Utah Clean Energy, Salt Lake City, UT
Utah Interfaith Power & Light, Salt Lake City, UT
Wild Utah Project, Salt Lake City, UT
REDCO, South Jordan, UT
National Association of State Energy Officials, Alexandria, VA
The Stella Group, Ltd, Arlington, VA
TMO Global Logistics LLC, Charlottesville, VA
Specialized Carriers & Rigging Association, Fairfax, VA
National Wildlife Federation, Reston, VA
Alstom, Richmond, VA
M-K Associates, Warrenton, VA
Burlington Electric Department, Burlington, VT
NRG Systems, Inc., Hinesburg, VT
Aegis Wind, Waitsfield, VT
Global Fiberglass Solutions, Inc., Bellevue, WA
Natural Choice Directory, Bellevue, WA
Otten Adcock, Bellevue, WA
Chinook Wind, Everson, WA
3TIER, Seattle, WA
DNV, Seattle, WA
Montana Business Leaders for Clean Energy, Seattle, WA
Power Climber Wind, Seattle, WA
Transgroup Worldwide Logistics, Seattle, WA
Avista Corporation, Spokane, WA
Northwest Renewable Energy Institute, Vancouver, WA
Renew Wisconsin, Madison, WI
WES Engineering, Inc., Madison, WI
Magnetek, Menomonee Falls, WI
Association of Equipment Manufacturers, Milwaukee, WI
Ingeteam, Inc., Milwaukee, WI
Milwaukee 7, Milwaukee, WI
Renewegy LLC, Oshkosh, WI
Wausaukee Composites, Inc., Wausaukee, WI
KB Energy LLC, Arlington, WY
Energy Transportation, Casper, WY