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Renewable Energy Is Delivering Power

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Your editorial on the cost of renewables versus fossil fuels ("[Wind \(\\$23.37\) v. Gas \(25 Cents\)](#)," May 12) misses the real story about government subsidies.

In fact, renewables are becoming increasingly cost-effective while receiving a fraction of what Congress hands out to conventional energy sources. Renewables receive less than 1% of the \$40 billion spent every year on fossil fuels.

We agree with your point that taxpayers should get a return on investment. By that measure, however, renewable energy sources are delivering. Last year alone, the federal government spent \$1.2 billion on nuclear energy, leading to zero megawatts installed. By contrast, wind, solar and geothermal received \$800 million in 2007, resulting in approximately 6,000 megawatts installed.

It's therefore not surprising that 85% of Americans support incentives for renewable energy development, such as continuation of the investment tax credit and production tax credit. These common-sense policies will create jobs and economic growth and help us achieve national energy security.

Congress should ensure that these industries have a stable tax policy now.

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