

December 1, 2015

Dear Member of Congress,

We are writing to ask you to support the growth of pollution-free renewable energy and to ensure the extension of critical federal incentives for clean renewable energy, including the Production Tax Credit (PTC), the Offshore Wind (OSW) Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for offshore wind, and the Solar Investment Tax Credit. As organizations, businesses, and elected officials representing millions of citizens, we believe responsibly planned and sited renewable energy – including onshore and offshore wind -- provides tremendous environmental and economic benefits and must play a significant role in our nation's energy plan.

Working in tandem, wind and solar power have already provided tremendous benefits by reducing pollution, providing more stable electricity prices and creating local jobs. Both wind and solar have experienced significant growth because of these incentives. Unlike existing tax incentives and subsidies for incumbent fuels such as oil, gas, and nuclear, incentives for clean energy must be renewed frequently, leading to boom and bust cycles.

The PTC has played a key role advancing wind energy, while the OSW ITC is key to the development of our yet to be realized offshore wind resource. Both of these expired last year. Similarly, the solar ITC, which expires at the end of next year, has been central to the major advances in solar energy. Wind energy can and should be a key component of the implementation of the Clean Power Plan, but strong federal policy such as the PTC and ITC are needed to ensure investment and development. The Clean Power Plan is the single largest step ever taken to reduce climate pollution in the U.S., and with wind energy at the forefront it can create clean energy jobs, improve public health, and move America to a clean energy future.

Please support and work to renew the following renewable energy incentives:

- **Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit (Section 45).** The PTC, a critical tool that supports investments in wind power and other renewable energy technologies, expired in 2014. In 2012, uncertainty as to whether the PTC would be extended by Congress caused wind installations to drop 92 percent. Wind energy is a true American success story – now powering the equivalent of more than 16.7 million homes across the country.
- **Investment Tax Credit for Offshore Wind Energy (Section 45).** There is tremendous potential for powering our economy with the pollution-free wind energy that blows off our shores. However, despite this potential and the economic development opportunities, there are still no operating offshore wind facilities in U.S. waters.

- **Solar Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for residential (Section 25D) and commercial (Section 48) properties.** The solar ITC has fueled dramatic growth in solar installations and manufacturing capacity, while providing long-term certainty to the industry that has allowed costs to fall. According to a recent study by Bloomberg New Energy Finance, extending the ITC beyond 2016 would result in more than 69 GW of new solar power being built across America between 2016 and 2022, representing a greater than 30 percent increase over the current trajectory.

To ensure a cleaner, healthier environment and a vibrant clean energy economy, please work to extend these provisions as soon as possible this year. In addition, please keep tax legislation from being sidetracked by riders that are irrelevant, harm public health and the environment, and stand in the way of important investments that mean real jobs for real people.

Sincerely,

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Energy Action Coalition
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