



Dear members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives:

As mayors, we write to ask you to support a cleaner and healthier future for our constituents by giving clean energy a boost as you work towards a national recovery from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Specifically we urge you to update and extend tax credits for the following clean energy solutions in the next recovery package.

Clean energy tax credits work.

Federal clean energy tax incentives have been one of our best tools for supporting clean energy. Tax incentives have spurred tremendous growth in renewable energy and energy efficiency over the last decade. In 2019, America produced almost 3 times as much wind energy and 40 times as much solar energy as it did in 2009.

This growth shows that clean energy can power American homes, businesses and industry – and has put America on the cusp of a necessary shift away from energy sources that pollute our land, air and water.

Clean energy tax incentives have been key to the progress we've made so far, and for the sake of our health and our planet we urge Congress to prioritize continued progress on wind and solar energy as well as other clean energy technologies, such as energy storage, electric vehicles and energy efficiency.

Boosting clean energy at a much needed time

The clean energy industry, like the rest of society, has been hit hard by the health and economic crises associated with the coronavirus pandemic. Since the beginning of the pandemic, more than 600,000 workers in the clean energy field have lost their jobs. To continue progress toward a cleaner, healthier future, this industry needs a boost.

Recommendations:

We ask that you update and extend tax credits for the following clean energy solutions in the next recovery package. Specifically, we urge you to boost the following clean energy technologies:

Renewable energy: Solar and wind power, and other clean energy sources, enjoy tremendous support across the political spectrum. Updating and extending existing tax credits to support deployment of solar, wind and other clean energy technologies will help ensure that homeowners, businesses and our communities continue to see the environmental and economic benefits from renewable energy. Additionally, refund-ability/direct pay should be offered to facilitate the monetization of existing federal tax credits for clean energy.

Energy storage: Energy storage helps integrate more renewable energy into our electric grid and increases grid reliability and resiliency. There is bipartisan support for legislation to clarify that energy storage should be eligible for the investment tax credit currently offered for photovoltaic solar. Direct pay should also be extended to energy storage projects.

Electric vehicles: Transportation is the largest source of U.S. greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, and cars and light-duty trucks are responsible for about 60 percent of those emissions. Increasing the number of electric vehicles that are eligible for the existing tax credit will increase the number of electric vehicles on the road, reducing emissions and improving air quality in our communities.

Offshore wind power: There's a tremendous untapped resource in the winds that blow off our shores. Thanks to advances in technology and declining costs, bolstered by actions by local, state and federal officials, offshore wind is poised to play a major role in our energy mix. Extending the 30 percent investment tax credit for offshore wind facilities through 2025 will unlock vast quantities of affordable, zero-emission electricity.

Energy efficiency: Saving energy is key to any smart clean energy plan. Energy efficiency represents the most cost-effective way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change. Extending and modifying tax incentives for homeowners, multi-family dwellings and businesses will save residential consumers and businesses money, and help reduce harmful air pollution.

Federal clean energy tax incentives play a critical role in advancing solutions that reduce air and water pollution, improve our health and enhance our quality of life. Maintaining progress through the unprecedented challenges posed by COVID-19 means taking action to support the renewable energy sector now. Clean energy workers and businesses must get the support they need to emerge from this crisis and get back to building the clean energy future we need as quickly as possible. We ask you to invest in that future by making it a priority to update and extend clean energy tax incentives in the next stimulus package.

Thank you,

- Mayor Lioneld Jordan, Fayetteville, AR
- Mayor Heidi Harmon, San Luis Obispo, CA
- Mayor Pauline Russo Cutter, San Leandro, CA
- Mayor Kristopher Larsen, Nederland, CO
- Mayor Ronald McDaniel, Montville, CT
- Mayor Shari Cantor, West Hartford, CT

- Mayor Buddy Dyer, Orlando, FL
- Mayor Raúl Valdés-Fauli, Coral Gables, FL
- Mayor Dean Trantalis, Fort Lauderdale, FL
- Mayor Francis X. Suarez, Miami, FL
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