

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

November 14, 2014

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-204, U.S. Capitol
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
U.S. Senate
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Dear Speaker Boehner, Majority Leader Reid, Leader Pelosi, and Leader McConnell:

We are writing on behalf of the 80,000 Americans, and thousands of Iowans employed by the U.S. wind industry – representing jobs in all fifty states – to ask that you promptly extend the Production Tax Credit (PTC) and the Investment Tax Credit (ITC). The state of Iowa is among the top three states in the nation for wind generation which contributes to power over 15 million American homes, as well as to thousands of farms and businesses. The industry is responsible for \$105 billion of investment in the U.S. economy since 2005, while driving down the cost of wind power by 43% in the last four years alone.

The American wind industry has experienced growth throughout the years but this is only a tiny segment of the national energy market. The successful bi-partisan federal tax policy, namely the PTC and the ITC, has helped to make wind energy a cost competitive source of energy, creating jobs in Iowa and across the country. Unfortunately these policies expired at the end of 2013. Like all businesses, the wind industry seeks certainty and predictability so that long term project decisions and investments can be made. Without that stability, we once again risk losing many of the jobs, infrastructure and investment that the wind industry has created. Furthermore, we risk weakening our national energy security by not fostering clean, domestic energy.

Time is running out for us to pass an extension of the PTC and ITC to help to avoid further layoffs and divestment. It is imperative that a vote to extend these important provisions occurs before the 113th Congress adjourns sine die. Thank you for taking our views into consideration as you work to address this important issue.

Sincerely,



Dave Loebsock
U.S. Representative



Bruce Braley
U.S. Representative



Tom Harkin
U.S. Senator