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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Boehner,

I write to respectfully urge your support for extending the Wind Energy Production Tax Credit (PTC) during “fiscal cliff” negotiations and also highlight actions by a veteran-based organization supporting wind, and other forms of alternative energy, called Operation Free. The PTC has helped the still-growing domestic wind energy industry employ thousands of Americans, and many veterans.

Operation Free is a nationwide coalition of veterans who recognize action is needed to move forward alternative energy solutions like wind. They are holding a two day fly-in today and tomorrow to highlight the need to renew the PTC and also unveil a petition signed by veterans from around the country in support of a renewal and the good jobs it provides veterans and other working Americans across the country. My home state of Iowa is the second largest producer of wind energy in the nation and home to 200 wind-related companies that support 6,000 good-paying jobs.

For our nation’s energy independence, and for our continued economic recovery, we must continue to support emerging energy industries just as we have done, and continue to do, for the oil and gas industries. Wind manufacturers have already seen orders drop off and have had to lay-off workers as a result of the PTC’s scheduled lapse at the end of 2012. Congress should not play games with people’s jobs and pull the rug out from an industry employing thousands in the middle of an economic downturn.

The PTC has roots in bipartisanship in the House and Senate and current broad support from Members in both chambers. I hope you give weight to this support and due diligence to Operation Free and their call to renew the PTC, particularly given these individuals’ sacrifices for our country. They should be respected and applauded for again taking a stand for the betterment of our nation. I again respectfully urge your support for extending the PTC during “fiscal cliff” negotiations and thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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