

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

November 19, 2019

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
United States Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

As negotiations on end-of-year legislation get underway, we urge you to prioritize legislation that would continue the investment tax credit (ITC) for solar, fuel cells, small wind, geothermal and other clean energy technologies. Continuing the ITC has strong bipartisan support and will deliver a clean energy win for our constituents, protect and grow jobs in our districts, and dramatically reduce carbon emissions. The ITC is especially important since it is one of the only remaining federal policies driving clean energy deployment today.

The American people – both Democrats and Republicans – overwhelmingly support clean energy, and solar energy in particular. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 73 percent of voters support a “cleaner, stronger” energy agenda,<sup>1</sup> and nearly three quarters of Americans believe we should use solar energy “as much as possible.”<sup>2</sup> It is clear they support dramatically increasing deployment of renewable sources of electricity. However, solar energy provided only two percent of U.S. electricity in 2018.<sup>3</sup> Continuing the ITC is essential to growing this percentage and meeting our constituents’ desire for clean energy.

The ITC has been a job-creation engine, creating \$140 billion in private investment and more than 200,000 jobs since President Bush enacted it in 2006.<sup>4</sup> Most are solid, middle-class jobs that are accessible to all Americans and cannot be outsourced.<sup>5</sup> A recent report found that a continuation of the ITC through 2030 would spur an additional \$87 billion in investment and create an additional 113,000 jobs.<sup>6</sup> In addition, these technologies are helping struggling farmers generate additional revenue and lower their utility bills.<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Global Energy Institute. “Global Energy Institute Unveils American Energy: Cleaner, Stronger Agenda.” April 11, 2019. <https://www.globalenergyinstitute.org/global-energy-institute-unveils-american-energy-cleaner-stronger-agenda>

<sup>2</sup> Roberts, David. “Utilities have a problem: the public wants 100% renewable energy, and quick,” *Vox*. October 11, 2018. <https://www.vox.com/energy-and-environment/2018/9/14/17853884/utilities-renewable-energy-100-percent-public-opinion>

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Energy Information Administration. “Electricity explained.” April 19, 2019. <https://www.eia.gov/energyexplained/electricity/electricity-in-the-us.php>

<sup>4</sup> The Solar Foundation. “National Solar Jobs Census.” <https://www.thesolarfoundation.org/national/>

<sup>5</sup> Garland, Sarah. “Workers are climbing wind turbines to the middle class,” *NBC News*. April 14, 2018. <https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/workers-are-climbing-wind-turbines-middle-class-n865221>

<sup>6</sup> Perea, Austin and Colin Smith. “Impact of Solar Investment Tax Credit Extension,” *Wood Mackenzie*. [https://www.seia.org/sites/default/files/2019-09/Impact%20of%20Solar%20Investment%20Tax%20Credit%20Extension\\_Final%209-23-2019\\_v2.pdf](https://www.seia.org/sites/default/files/2019-09/Impact%20of%20Solar%20Investment%20Tax%20Credit%20Extension_Final%209-23-2019_v2.pdf)

<sup>7</sup> Maltais, Kirk. “Struggling Farmers See Bright Spot in Solar,” *The Wall Street Journal*. September 23, 2019. <https://www.wsj.com/articles/struggling-farmers-see-bright-spot-in-solar-11569242733>

Continuing the ITC will also help protect the environment and provide a much-needed win for the climate. According to recent analysis by the Rhodium Group and Wood MacKenzie, continuing clean energy tax credits will dramatically reduce carbon emissions, providing real reductions we must achieve to honor our 2025 Paris Agreement commitment and defend our credibility internationally.<sup>8</sup>

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to include an ITC extension in any end-of-year package. Without congressional action, the ITC will begin to phase down in 2020, jeopardizing clean energy growth and jobs. We look forward to working with you on this priority on behalf of our constituents.

Sincerely,



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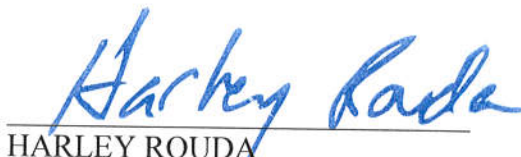
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<sup>8</sup> Larsen, John, Whitney Herndon, Hannah Kulus, and Galen Hiltbrand. "Can Tax Credits Tackle Climate?" *Rhodium Group*. September 26, 2019. <https://rhg.com/research/can-tax-credits-tackle-climate/>



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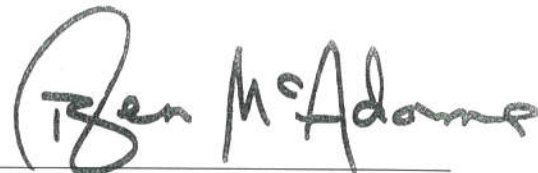
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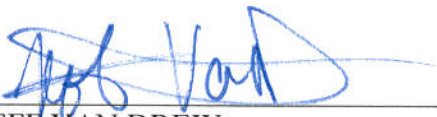
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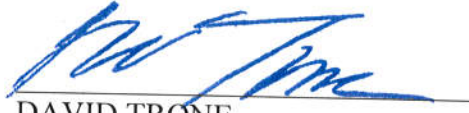
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