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Speaker John Boehner
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Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi
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Dear Speaker Boehner, Leader Cantor, Leader Pelosi and Minority Whip Hoyer,

I urge you to include the *American Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit Extension Act*, which would extend the production tax credit (PTC) for four years, as part of any tax extenders package that may be considered before the end of the year. Extending this credit is essential to maintaining and expanding a domestic wind energy industry.

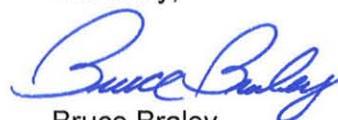
Wind is still a comparatively new energy industry and we must have a consistent and long-term federal policy to encourage continued investment. Even though the production tax credit isn't set to expire until the end of 2012, wind project developers are hesitant to schedule future projects without the certainty of having this credit extended. When the credit has expired in the past, the installation of new wind turbines dropped as much as 93 percent, with corresponding job losses.

By not waiting until the last minute, we can maintain certainty for investors and continue to create jobs in this growing industry.

Wind has already had a positive impact on our economy and added 40 percent of all new electricity capacity between 2008 and 2009. It has provided a steady source of income for thousands of farmers and ranchers, with Iowa landowners making roughly \$12.6 million per year leasing land for turbines. Additionally, over 400 manufacturing facilities across the U.S. now make major turbine components, towers, and blades. In Iowa alone, the wind industry supports more than 3,000 jobs with a combined payroll of over \$70 million per year.

Wind energy is helping meet America's increasing demand for electricity. Please consider a long-term extension of the wind PTC to make sure that this industry continues to create jobs and be part of a long-term solution to meet our energy needs.

Sincerely,



Bruce Braley
Member of Congress