

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

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

Dear Speaker Boehner,

Last January, Congress came together to pass the American Taxpayer Relief Act and preserve critical policies that benefit the American taxpayer, support our economy, and create jobs. Included in this bill was an extension of the tax credit for wind production projects, which in 2012 directly supported 80,700 jobs across our nation and more than 6,000 in my home state of Iowa.

Extension of the production tax credit provides investors and job creators with the ability to plan for the future of the renewable energy industry and make critical investments in our nation's energy infrastructure. Because of the predictability and stability provided by the extension of the production tax credit, investors in Iowa have been given the surety they rely on to plan. MidAmerican, for instance, is making an investment of \$1.9 billion to build a 448-turbine energy project across the state of Iowa – increasing clean energy production and creating jobs.

Not only does this policy support our economy, it preserves our environment. Each year wind projects in my home-state save more than 3.2 billion gallons of water and avoid over 8.7 metric tons of carbon dioxide emissions - the equivalent of taking 1.5 million cars off of the road. The benefits of this industry – clean energy, domestic jobs, and energy independence – are exactly what Congress should prioritize. As the House continues to address expiring provisions and debate federal tax reform, I urge you to preserve the production tax credit and the promise it holds for our nation's future.

Sincerely,



Bruce Braley
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