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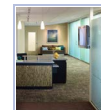
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## 65 Iowa Groups Ask Congressional Delegation to Push Renewal of the PTC

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Today, 65 groups and individual from Iowa sent a letter to their congressional delegation asking them to lead the renewal of the production tax credit for wind. Below is the letter:

September 13, 2012

The Honorable Charles Grassley  
United States Senate  
135 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC, 20510

The Honorable Steve King  
United States House of Representatives  
1131 Longworth Office Building  
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Tom Harkin  
United States Senate  
731 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington DC, 20510

The Honorable Tom Latham  
United States House of Representatives  
2217 Rayburn Office Building  
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Bruce Braley  
United States House of Representatives  
1727 Longworth Office Building  
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable David Loebsack  
United States House of Representatives  
1527 Longworth Office Building  
Washington DC, 20515

The Honorable Leonard Boswel  
United States House of Representatives  
1026 Longworth Office Building  
Washington DC, 20515

Dear Iowa Congressional Delegation,

We, the undersigned groups and individuals, write to urge you to keep Iowans working and to continue promoting Iowa's economic development, energy security and clean affordable electricity by immediately extending the renewable energy production tax credit (PTC). Action is needed to prevent expiration of the PTC at the end of this calendar year. Aided by the PTC, Iowa was the first state to generate almost 20 percent of its electricity from wind. Wind supports as many as 7,000 Iowa jobs, and millions in annual land lease payments to Iowa farmers. Iowa wind has also prompted \$300 million in private investment in Iowa manufacturing facilities.

The wind industry in Iowa has diversified our rural economy. Since 1992, 2,978 wind turbines have been installed on 104

utility scale and community scale wind farms. Iowa now has 4,322 MW of electric generation capacity and 450 MW are under construction. This represents nearly \$5 billion funneling through Iowa's economy. Thousands of Iowans depend on the wind industry to support their families through construction, manufacturing, operations and maintenance jobs. In addition, land owner easement payments to farmers exceed \$11 million annually and are extremely important in trying economic times. Economic conditions have been made even more difficult by the drought conditions that threaten this year's crop production.

It is vital that Congress act now to avoid the looming tax increase on wind energy, as the economic damage has already begun. Without the certainty of the PTC, developers are cancelling projects because they cannot get financing. Consequently, manufacturers are faced with little or no orders for 2013. Layoffs have started.

Congress has the opportunity to stop further job losses and to halt economic deterioration in Iowa and throughout the nation. The payroll tax legislation now being debated in the both the Senate and the House offers a vehicle to extend the PTC. We respectfully request that an extension of the PTC be included in any tax overhaul policy.

This is not a partisan issue; it's an Iowa jobs issue. We cannot as a state or as a country afford to let the PTC expire. With low taxes, wind power can continue to generate tremendous benefits – in jobs, investment and clean energy — to Iowa and the nation.

Sincerely,

Allen, Chaz – Jasper County Economic Development Corporation

Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services ASFCME Anemometry Specialists, Inc

Beckman, Susan – Siemens Energy, Inc.

Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance

Cherokee Area Economic Development Corporation

Cherokee Industrial Corporation

Clean Air Muscatine

Clipper Wind, LLC

Conley, Elizabeth – Clean Line Energy Partners

Des Moines Area Community College

Dowding Industries of Iowa, LLC

Eastern Iowa Community College

EDP Renewables North America, LLC

Environmental Law and Policy Center

Geier, Michael G. – Snyder and Associates, Inc

Greater Des Moines Partnership

Green State Solutions

Hawkeye Community College

Herrick, Chad – Atkins

Iberdrola Renewables

Indian Hills Community College

Iowa Association of Community College Presidents

Iowa Central Community College

Iowa Chamber Alliance

Iowa Environmental Council

Iowa Farm Bureau

Iowa Interfaith Power and Light

Iowa Lakes Community College

Iowa Move to Amend

Iowa Policy Project

Iowa Renewable Energy Association

Iowa Solar and Small Wind Energy Trade Association

Iowa State Building and Construction Trades Council

Iowa State University

Iowa Valley Community College

Iowa Western Community College

Iowa Wildlife Federation

Iowa Wind Energy Association

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- Janssen, Dan – City of Sibley
- Jones, Doug – Clean Line Energy Partners
- Kirkwood Community College
- Midwest Wind Resources
- Northeast Iowa Community College
- North Iowa Community College
- Northwest Iowa Community College
- Perrin, Brenda – Cherokee
- Progress Iowa
- Physicians for Social Responsibility-Iowa Chapter
- Public Interest Research Group
- RENEW Energy Maintenance, LLC
- Southeastern Iowa Community College
- Southwestern Community College
- Stoffregen, Philip – BrownWinick
- Sundblad, Phil – Crosswind Energy LLC
- Tipton, Sheila K. – Blein McCormick, P.C.
- Transition Des Moines
- University of Iowa
- University of Northern Iowa
- Vestas-American Wind Technology, Inc
- Western Iowa Tech Community College
- Wind Consulting
- Zinc Air Inc.

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