

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 8, 2012

The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Minority Leader
United States Senate
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The Honorable Speaker John Boehner
Majority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable David Camp
Chairman
Conference Committee on H.R. 3630
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Max Baucus
Co-Chairman
Conference Committee on H.R. 3630
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Leader Reid, Leader McConnell, Speaker Boehner, Representative Pelosi, Representative Camp, Senator Baucus, and Members of the Conference Committee on H.R. 3630:

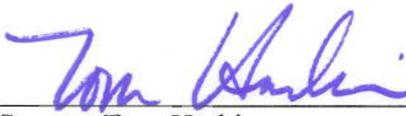
The undersigned Members of the Iowa delegation respectfully urge you to include a short term Production Tax Credit (PTC) extension for wind energy as part of any payroll tax cut extension you are currently negotiating.

Our state and the whole nation have benefited tremendously from the economic development, new manufacturing jobs, and increased domestic energy supply that wind energy has provided. And the PTC has been a major factor behind this success. Iowa is now receiving 20% of our electricity from wind at stable and dependable rates. There are over 215 wind related businesses operating in 55 counties across our state, employing over 5000 people. While Iowa has been a leader, we are seeing these results multiplying across the country.

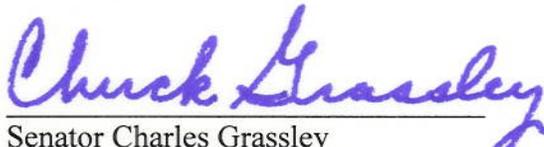
However, with the PTC for wind due to expire at the end of 2012, the expansion, jobs and manufacturing of the industry is put in serious jeopardy – not just in Iowa, but across the country. We must provide some certainty to allow this industry to keep growing. If the PTC is not extended immediately, our communities back home stand to lose thousands of jobs, manufacturing, infrastructure and private investment. The manufacturing workers, in particular, are the first to lose their jobs as developers have already stopped ordering turbines for installation after 2012 because of uncertainty about the continuation of the credit.

Clearly, no energy incentive should be in place forever, but now is not the time to pull the rug out from under the wind energy industry, as it is putting in place the domestic manufacturing, the private investment and the technological advancements that will allow it to prosper without the PTC in the near future. We appreciate your consideration of our request to include language in the upcoming payroll tax cut legislation to immediately extend the wind energy PTC.

Sincerely,



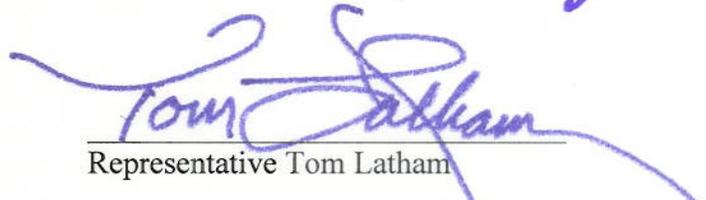
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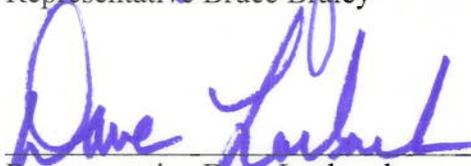
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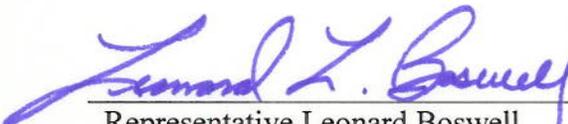
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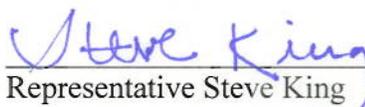
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