



# 88 ORGANIZATIONS TO CONGRESS: “LET THE WIND PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT EXPIRE!”

## Dear United States Senators and Representatives:

The principal federal support for wind energy, the so-called Production Tax Credit (PTC), is scheduled to expire at the end of this year. The undersigned organizations and the millions of Americans we represent stand opposed to extending the wind PTC. This special provision continues the deplorable practice of using the tax code to favor certain groups over others.

Whenever the government protects a particular industry, as it has with wind energy production, the industry tends to remain dependent on it. As Nobel laureate economist Milton Friedman noted, “The infant industry argument is a smoke screen. The so-called infants never grow up.”

The wind PTC, like other green energy incentives, is a prime case in point. The PTC was created in 1992 to get the wind industry off the ground. Yet 20 years later, we have little to show for it.

We’re still providing a \$5 billion special tax break each year for an industry that supplies just over 2% of our power.

If a new technology truly has worthwhile benefits for American consumers such as lower cost, higher efficiency, or environmental benefits, then that technology will demonstrate its value by competing in the open market for consumers’ dollars—not by living off of special provisions in the tax code. American consumers—not Washington lawmakers—should decide the future of American energy.

It is time to end special tax provisions that distort the energy market and increase energy prices. We urge you to let the wasteful wind PTC expire as planned at the end of the year.

Sincerely,

**American Energy Alliance, Americans for Prosperity, Freedom Action, Heritage Action, FreedomWorks, National Taxpayers Union**

**Competitive Enterprise Institute, Commonwealth Foundation, American Commitment, The Club for Growth, R Street, Alliance for Wise Energy Decisions, Sixty Plus Association, Americans for Limited Government, Coalition to Reduce Spending, National Center for Public Policy Research, Council for Citizens Against Government Waste**

Adams County Save Our Skies  
 Advance Arkansas Institute  
 Advocates for Prattsburgh  
 Advocates for Responsible Energy Development (IL)  
 American Tradition Partnership  
 Auglaize Neighbors United  
 The Black Fork Wind Resistance (OH)  
 Brown County Citizens for Responsible Wind Energy (WI)  
 Calumet County Citizens for Responsible Energy,  
 Calumet County (WI)  
 Center for Individual Freedom  
 Citizens for the Republic  
 Citizen Power Alliance (NY)  
 Civitas Institute  
 Cherry Valley, Inc. Trustees  
 Clear Skies over Orangeville (NY)  
 Climate Common Sense (DE)  
 Coalition for the Preservation of the Golden Crescent (NY)  
 Coalition Opposed to Additional Spending and Taxes  
 Concerned Citizens of Cattaraugus County (NY)

Concerned Citizens for Sustainable Energies (NY)  
 Concerned Citizens of DeKalb County (IN)  
 Concerned Citizens of Smelser & Paris Township, Grant  
 County residents – Grant County (WI)  
 Concerned Citizens of Trempealeau County – Trempealeau,  
 Monroe, Rock, La Crosse, and Dane counties (WI)  
 Cornwall Alliance for the Stewardship of Creation  
 Ellis County Environmental Awareness Coalition  
 Energy Integrity Project  
 Energy Makes America Great, Inc.  
 Finger Lakes Preservation Association (NY)  
 Forest Voice - St Croix County (WI)  
 Forward Wind Factory Victims Coalition, Fond du Lac  
 County (WI)  
 Freedom Foundation  
 Friends of Lincoln Lakes  
 Friends of Maine's Mountains  
 Friends of Saddleback  
 Friends of Spruce Mountain  
 Glenmore Constitutional Coalition (WI)

Grantcosetbacks (IN)  
 Great Lakes Wind Truth, US  
 Illinois Wind Watch  
 Institute for Liberty  
 Interstate Informed Citizen's Coalition, Inc.  
 John Locke Foundation (NC)  
 Lee County Informed (IL)  
 Let Freedom Ring  
 Less Government  
 Madison Matters (NY)  
 Mansfield North Central Ohio Tea Party Association (OH)  
 Mercer County Citizens Against Turbines  
 National Tax-Limitation Committee  
 Partnership for the Preservation of the Downeast Lakes,  
 Watershed (ME)  
 Protect Our Lakes (ME)  
 Protect Richfield (NY)  
 RESITE NOW  
 Rio Grande Foundation (NM)  
 Sardinia Preservation Group (NY)

Save Our Beaches (Cape Cod, Massachusetts)  
 Secure America's Future Economy (DE)  
 Sheboygan County Communities for Responsible Energy (WI)  
 Stop Lookout Windpower (PA)  
 Taxpayers for Common Sense  
 Tea Party Patriots in Ohio  
 Tehachapi Area Communities for  
 Responsible Energy Development (CA)  
 Texas Conservative Coalition Research Institute  
 United for Missouri  
 Virginia Scientists and Engineers for Energy and  
 Environment (VA-SEEE) Central Virginia Chapter  
 Wells County Concerned Citizens (IN)  
 The Weyrich Lunch  
 Whitley County Concerned Citizens (IN)  
 Wind Wise – Massachusetts; Cape Cod  
 Wisconsin Citizens Coalition  
 Wisconsin Independent Citizens Opposing  
 Wind Turbine Sites (WindCows)