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September 10, 2012

Dear Majority Leader Reid, Minority Leader McConnell, Speaker Boehner, Minority Leader Pelosi:

Before adjourning for August, Members of the Senate Finance Committee reaffirmed the wide bipartisan support for continuing our nation's investment in the power of wind energy. Specifically, the Committee renewed the Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit (PTC) and offshore wind Investment Tax Credit (ITC). These critical tools are essential to continuing the transition to a clean energy economy while creating good, domestic jobs in every corner of America. We urge you on behalf of our millions of members and supporters to brook no delay in completing what the Senate Finance Committee began by passing extensions of the PTC and ITC. The country cannot afford to wait any longer or to see these important measures held hostage by controversial, unrelated proposals that harm public health and the environment. It is time to put wind back to work for America.

Simply put, wind works. It creates jobs. It strengthens the economy. It reduces dependence on fossil fuels. It cuts pollution that is making our children and our planet sick. Today's 50 gigawatts of installed wind avoids as much carbon pollution as taking

14 million cars off the road. The wind industry already employs nearly eighty thousand people in every part of America. Yet already thousands of jobs have been lost due to uncertainty over the PTC and ITC. Businesses are shuttering and people are being laid off. These are real people with families who are now out of work and don't have to be. Thousands more are on the chopping block if Congress chooses to stop progress instead of allowing wind's success story to continue.

In addition, offshore wind energy represents our largest untapped clean energy resource. Wind turbines off our coasts can harness strong wind speeds to power our homes and businesses with pollution-free energy, create new manufacturing jobs, and play a critical role in moving our states and our nation toward energy independence. However, there are still no operating offshore wind facilities in U.S. waters. Failure to develop this massive domestic energy source that has been producing tens of thousands of jobs and gigawatts of clean energy in Europe for over a decade makes little economic, environmental, or national security sense.

Again, we urge you to move immediately upon Congress' return to extend the PTC and offshore wind ITC. Renewing our nation's commitment to responsibly sited and developed wind energy will create jobs, not cost them, and move our country forward to a cleaner, healthier future.

Sincerely,

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