

November 29, 2016

House Speaker Paul Ryan
H-232, The Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell
S-230, The Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20510

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi
H-204, The Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20515

Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid
S-221, The Capitol Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker, Senate Majority Leader, House Minority Leader and Senate Minority Leader:

We are writing in support of extending the Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for the advanced energy technologies that were not included in the FY 2016 Omnibus Appropriations Act. We specifically support a five-year extension of the business Section 48 and residential Section 25D credits, thereby providing parity for all technologies.

The ITC is critical to a range of advanced energy technologies such as fuel cells, geothermal heat pumps, small wind, Combined Heat and Power (CHP), microturbines, and thermal energy that help expand and diversify the nation's electricity supply and lower costs for consumers.

In December, Congress extended the commercial and residential credits for some but not all clean energy technologies. Extending the credits for some technologies but not others has distorted the marketplace and put the federal government in the position of picking winners and losers. We believe Congress should level the playing field in the marketplace, allowing all of the technologies to compete on their merits.

Moreover, the use of these technologies enhances energy independence and security, all the while strengthening the resilience and reliability of the U.S. power grid. They improve efficiency and reduce long-term costs, while increasing sustainability for homeowners, hospitals, universities, small businesses, as well as Fortune 500 companies. It is also about maintaining and creating thousands of jobs and supporting domestic industries. Advanced energy technology deployment drives innovation, business, job growth, economic activity and manufacturing, much of it in rural America.

In order to avoid further serious market disruption and provide businesses, investors, and consumers with the ability to plan in the short- to mid-term, extending these credits should be a "must pass" item on the first available and appropriate legislative vehicle. Both the business and residential credits are essential to help ensure fair competition and access in the marketplace for clean energy solutions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Advanced Energy Economy

AEE is a coalition of business using policy advocacy, analysis and education to bring about a prosperous economy based on secure, clean, affordable energy.

Air Conditioning Contractors of America

ACCA is a non-profit association whose membership includes more than 60,000 professionals and 4,000 businesses in the indoor environment and energy services community. We work together to promote professional contracting, energy efficiency, and healthy, comfortable indoor environments.

Air Conditioning, Heating, & Refrigeration Institute

AHRI advocates on behalf of its members at all levels of government, working to ensure that members' interests are included in final drafts of legislation. We also have a certification program that is relied heavily upon by regulators for accurate and unbiased evaluation of heating, water heating, ventilation, air conditioning, and commercial refrigeration equipment. Lastly, AHRI develops industry-recognized performance standards for industry equipment. These three tiers are at AHRI's core.

Alliance for Industrial Efficiency

The Alliance for Industrial Efficiency promotes state and federal policies to support U.S. manufacturing competitiveness through enhanced industrial efficiency. Our diverse coalition of business, labor groups, and non-profits work to improve energy efficiency in America's industrial sector. The Alliance is a project of David Gardiner & Associates.

American Farm Bureau Federation

Farm Bureau is an independent, non-governmental, voluntary organization governed by and representing farm and ranch families united for the purpose of analyzing their problems and formulating action to achieve educational improvement, economic opportunity and social advancement and, thereby, to promote the national well-being. Farm Bureau is local, county, state, national and international in its scope and influence and is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-secret in character. Farm Bureau is the voice of agricultural producers at all levels.

American Gas Association

The American Gas Association (AGA) represents companies delivering natural gas safely, reliably, and in an environmentally responsible way to help improve the quality of life for their customers every day. AGA's mission is to provide clear value to its membership and serve as the indispensable, leading voice and facilitator on its behalf in promoting the safe, reliable, and efficient delivery of natural gas to homes and businesses across the nation.

Distributed Wind Energy Association

The Distributed Wind Energy Association (DWEA) is a collaborative group comprised of manufacturers, distributors, project developers, dealers, installers, and advocates, whose primary mission is to promote and foster all aspects of the distributed wind energy industry.

Geothermal Exchange Organization

The Geothermal Exchange Organization (GEO) is The Voice of the Geothermal Heat Pump Industry in the United States. As a non-profit trade association, we promote the manufacture, design and installation of GeoExchange® systems—the most energy efficient and environmentally friendly heating and cooling technology in the world.

International Ground Source Heat Pump Association

The International Ground Source Heat Pump Association (IGSHPA) is a non-profit, member-driven organization established in 1987 to advance ground source heat pump (GSHP) technology on local, state, national and international levels. Headquartered on the campus of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Oklahoma, IGSHPA utilizes state-of-the-art facilities for conducting GSHP system installation training and geothermal research. With its access to the most current advancements in the geothermal industry, IGSHPA is the ideal bridge between the latest technology and the people who benefit from these developments.

Michigan Energy Innovation Business Council

Michigan EIBC's mission is to grow Michigan's advanced energy economy by fostering opportunities for innovation and business growth and offering a unified voice in creating a business-friendly environment for the advanced energy industry in Michigan.

National Ground Water Association

NGWA is a not-for-profit professional society and trade association for the groundwater industry. Our members from all 50 states include some of the country's leading public and private sector groundwater scientists, engineers, water well contractors, manufacturers, and suppliers of groundwater-related products and services. The Association's vision is to be the leading community of groundwater professionals that promotes the responsible development, use and management of groundwater resources.

National Association of Home Builders

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) helps its members build communities. Each year, NAHB's members construct about 80% of the new homes built in the United States, both single-family and multifamily.

National Rural Electric Cooperative Association

NRECA is the national service organization for more than 900 not-for-profit rural electric cooperatives and public power districts providing retail electric service to more than 42 million consumers in 47 states and whose retail sales account for approximately 12 percent of total electricity sales in the United States.

The Pew Charitable Trusts

The Pew Charitable Trusts is driven by the power of knowledge to solve today's most challenging problems. Pew applies a rigorous, analytical approach to improve public policy, inform the public and invigorate civic life

Plumbing-Heating-Cooling-Contractors – National Association

The PHCC—National Association, formed in 1883, provides legislative advocacy, education, and training to more than 3,500 plumbing and HVACR businesses and 70,000 technicians. Members of PHCC have access to a wide variety of services designed to increase their professionalism, grow their business, and improve profitability. www.phccweb.org.

Windustry

Windustry's mission is to promote sustainable energy solutions and empower communities to develop and own clean energy assets. As an independent voice and resource acting in support of communities, we work – through education, outreach, and advocacy – to advance broad community commitment to renewable energy.

CC:

Senator Chuck Schumer, Democratic Policy Committee Chair

Chairman Orrin Hatch, Senator Finance Committee

Chairman Kevin Brady, House Ways and Means Committee

Ranking Member Ron Wyden, Senate Finance Committee

Ranking Member Sander Levin, House Ways and Means Committee