

May 20, 2008

Dear Representative:

As a coalition of businesses, environmental organizations, investors, nongovernmental organizations, public health organizations, religious organizations, states, trade associations and utilities, we urge you to vote yes on the Renewable Energy and Job Creation Act of 2008 (H.R. 6049). The bill would extend federal tax incentives for energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies that have expired or will expire at the end of this year. These incentives must be extended immediately to avoid significant harm to the developing clean energy industries in the United States. The technologies produced by these industries play a vital role in reducing global warming pollution, creating new high-wage jobs in our country, and saving consumers and businesses money on their energy bills.

H.R. 6049 would extend the renewable energy production tax credit, clean renewable energy bonds, efficient commercial buildings tax deduction, investment tax credit for solar and fuel cell systems, tax credit for energy efficiency upgrades to existing homes, tax credits for the production of efficient home appliances, and tax incentives for consumer purchases of energy efficient products. The bill would also establish a new consumer tax credit for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, which will make clean, efficient grid-powered vehicles more accessible to buyers and will help to build the electric drive industry in the U.S.

Most of the incentives in H.R. 6049 have either expired or will expire at the end of this year. It is critical for the sustained development of the clean energy technology industries that these incentives be continued. A disruption of the incentives would lead to layoffs and a decrease in much needed private capital flowing to these industries. According to a recent study by Navigant Consulting, failure to promptly extend renewable energy tax incentives places at risk 116,000 jobs in the wind and solar industries and more than \$19 billion in clean energy investment.

Every day that passes without an extension takes a toll on jobs and investment in clean energy projects. The clean energy technology industries have been plagued by a boom and bust cycle caused by erratic and short-term extensions of the clean energy tax incentives. If these incentives are not extended immediately, we risk a major contraction in the clean energy industries that have been a bright spot in the otherwise troubled economy and are essential to solving global warming.

A necessary step towards enactment of the extensions is passage of H.R. 6049. The bill deserves significant bipartisan support. We urge you to vote yes on H.R. 6049.

Sincerely,

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Alliance to Save Energy

Alliant Energy
Ameren Corporation

American Institute of Architects
 American Solar Electric, Inc.
 American Wind Energy Association
 Arizona Public Service
 Atlantic City Electric
 Audubon
 Avista Corporation
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 Breakthrough Technologies Institute
 Business Council for Sustainable Energy
 Cabot Fuel Cells
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 Central Vermont Public Service
 Corporation
 CH Energy Group, Inc.
 Chrysler LLC
 Climate Solutions
 Coalition on the Environment and
 Jewish Life (COEJL)
 Constellation Energy
 Delmarva Power
 Direct Methanol Fuel Cell Corporation
 The Dow Chemical Company
 DTE Energy
 Duke Energy
 Earthjustice
 Edison Electric Institute
 Edison International
 Electric Drive Transportation
 Association (EDTA)
 The Empire District Electric Company
 Energy Conversion Devices
 Energy East Corporation
 Entegris Inc.
 Entegris Wind Systems, Inc.
 Environment America
 Environmental Defense Fund
 Environmental and Energy Study
 Institute
 Evergreen Solar
 Exelon Corporation
 Federal Performance Contracting
 Coalition
 FirstEnergy Group
 FPL Group
 Fresh Energy
 FuelCell Energy
 GeoGenix, LLC
 Great Plains Energy, Inc.
 Green Mountain Power Corporation
 Greenpeace
 groSolar
 Hadassah, the Women's Zionist
 Organization of America
 Hawaiian Electric Company
 Hydrogenics
 Iberdola Renewables
 IdaTech
 Inter-Island Solar Supply
 Interstate Power and Light
 KyotoUSA
 The Leveredge
 LOGANEnergy
 Mitsubishi Electric
 National Association of Industrial and
 Office Properties
 National Association of State Energy
 Officials (NASEO)
 National Electrical Manufacturers
 Association (NEMA)
 National Grid
 National Tribal Environmental Council
 National Venture Capital Association
 National Wildlife Federation
 North American Insulation
 Manufacturers Association
 Northeast Public Power Association
 NorthWestern Energy
 Nuvera Fuel Cells, Inc.
 OGE Energy Corporation
 Otter Tail Corporation
 Owens Corning
 Pepco Holdings, Inc.
 Pew Environment Group
 PG&E Corporation
 Physicians for Social Responsibility
 Pinnacle West Capital Corporation
 Plug Power Inc.
 PNM Resources, Inc.
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 Manufacturers Association (PIMA)

Portland General Electric
PPG
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Puget Sound Energy
The Real Estate Roundtable
REGrid Power
ReliOn
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RMT – WindConnect
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Solar Electrical Systems
Solar Energy Industries Association
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