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The Honorable Max Baucus
Senate Finance Committee
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The Honorable Orrin Hatch
Senate Finance Committee
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The Honorable David Camp
House Ways and Means Committee
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The Honorable Sander Levin
House Ways and Means Committee
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Dear Chairmen Baucus and Camp and Ranking Members Hatch and Levin:

As the Congress considers reform of federal tax programs, we are writing to underscore the critical role tax policy plays in helping our nation recognize the economic, energy security and environmental benefits associated with expanded domestic renewable electricity production.

As such, our organizations today strongly call on the Congress to continue the federal commitment to tax incentives for the renewable sector.

Experience both domestically and worldwide demonstrates that tax incentives can be effective, efficient tools to achieve larger policy goals and objectives. This is certainly the case as it pertains to tax preferences designed to encourage investment in, and production of, renewable electricity.

Renewable electricity tax incentives have spurred technological innovation; enhanced the viability and deployment of a variety of renewable electricity sources; and reduced costs for consumers. This is in the best interest of the taxpayers and is wholly consistent with a well-reasoned national energy strategy that enhances America's competitiveness in the global marketplace for energy technology.

We urge you to factor the significant policy benefits associated with renewable electricity tax incentives, as the Congress considers reform of the nation's tax code. We look forward to constructively working with you on these issues of importance to America's renewable electricity producers.

Sincerely,

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