



April 8, 2016

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
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The Honorable Harry Reid  
522 Hart Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Orrin Hatch  
104 Hart Senate Office Building  
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The Honorable Ron Wyden  
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader McConnell, Minority Leader Reid, Chairman Hatch and Ranking Member Wyden:

The Biomass Power Association (“BPA”), the Energy Recovery Council (“ERC”) and the American Biogas Council (“ABC”), and the National Hydropower Association (NHA) respectfully ask that you extend the current law tax incentives that encourage the production and use of our baseload renewable energy technologies for three years as part of the Federal Aviation Administration (“FAA”) reauthorization bill pending before the U.S. Senate.

Biomass, waste-to-energy, biogas and hydropower technologies generate constant, reliable baseload renewable power – attributes that are critical to the functioning and stability of the electric grid and the U.S. renewable energy portfolio.

The brief short-term extension of the tax credits has especially handicapped developers of our technologies, which have longer development timelines. The looming expiration also places our industries at a significant competitive disadvantage with the other renewable technologies that now have the certainty that their incentives will be in place over a longer term.

To provide a level playing field for our renewable electricity generation technologies, we ask that you extend the Section 45 Production Tax Credit (“PTC”) and the option to utilize the Section 48 Investment Tax Credit (“ITC”) (at the existing credit rates) through 2019.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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