







September 6, 2016

The Honorable Paul Ryan Speaker of the House H-232 Capitol Building Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady, Chairman House Committee on Ways and Means 1102 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi Minority Leader H-204 Capitol Building Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sander Levin, Ranking Democrat House Committee on Ways and Means 1106 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan, Minority Leader Pelosi, Chairman Brady and Ranking Member Levin:

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Time is running out as our incentives will lapse at the end of this year. Every day that passes without an extension increases the uncertainty for project developers in our industries and creates a further negative economic market signal to the investment community.

The looming expiration also puts our industries at a significant competitive disadvantage with wind and solar projects with which we compete in bidding on State-level Requests for Proposals for renewable electricity, particularly now that they have the certainty that their tax incentives will be in place over a longer term.

The end result – less reliable renewable baseload power will be deployed, which we believe is not the intent or desire of Congress and not in line with an all-of the-above energy strategy. We look forward to working with you and your staffs on a solution that provides our industries the policy certainty that others currently enjoy and are benefitting from.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

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The Honorable Mitch McConnell 317 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Orrin Hatch 104 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 The Honorable Harry Reid 522 Hart Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden 221 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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