

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,

ACORE  
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  
 Ballard Power Systems  
 BOSCH  
 Breakthrough Technologies Institute  
 Business Council for Sustainable Energy  
 Cabot Fuel Cells  
 Center for Biological Diversity  
 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.  
 Polyisocyanurate Insulation  
 Manufacturers Association (PIMA)

Portland General Electric  
PPG  
PPL Corporation  
PSEG  
Puget Sound Energy  
The Real Estate Roundtable  
REGrid Power  
ReliOn  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
RMT – WindConnect  
Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
Sanyo  
Sierra Club  
Sierra Pacific Resources  
Solar Electrical Systems  
Solar Energy Industries Association  
Solar World  
SOLEC – Solar Energy Corp.  
Southwest Windpower  
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