

February 26, 2008

Dear Representative:

As a coalition of businesses, environmental groups, investors, labor, nongovernmental organizations, public health organizations, and utilities we urge you to vote yes on the Renewable Energy and Energy Conservation Tax Act of 2008 (H.R. 5351). 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. 5351 would extend tax incentives for renewable energy production, energy efficiency in commercial buildings, investment in solar electric systems, use of efficient home heating and cooling equipment, production of efficient home appliances, efficiency retrofits to existing homes, and consumer purchases of energy efficient products.

The incentives in H.R. 5351 would remain effective for multiple years, which is essential for the development of the clean energy technology industries. Congress has historically extended the clean energy incentives in two-year increments, which creates a boom-bust cycle for the technologies covered by the incentives. This cycle undermines the efficient development of the clean energy technology industries into mature industries.

Most of the incentives in H.R. 5351 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, allowing the renewable energy incentives to expire would lead to about 116,000 jobs being lost in the wind and solar industries from now until the end of 2009.

Although H.R. 5351 was introduced without an extension of the efficient new home tax credit and certain critical changes to the energy efficiency and renewable energy incentives, we look forward to working with you to incorporate the efficient new home credit and these enhancements into the bill later in the legislative process.

America is on the cusp of a new, clean energy economy. The clean energy tax incentives in H.R. 5351 would help our country make the transition to this economy - an economy powered by low-carbon technologies that help solve global warming, reduce

energy prices for consumers and create new high-wage jobs. We urge you to vote yes on H.R. 5351.

Sincerely,

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| Abengoa Solar | Environmental Law & Policy Center |
| Akeena Solar | (ELPC) |
| Alliance to Save Energy | EPV Solar |
| Ameresco | Exelon Corporation |
| American Institute of Architects | Florida Power & Light Company |
| American Council for an Energy | Friends Committee on National |
| Efficient Economy (ACEEE) | Legislation (FCNL) |
| American Council on Renewable Energy | Friends of the Earth |
| (ACORE) | Fuel Cell Energy |
| American Rivers | Great River Energy |
| American Wind Energy Association | Greenpeace |
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| American Society of Heating, | Hydrogenics |
| Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning | Institute of Real Estate Management |
| Engineers, Inc. (ASHRAE) | Insulating Concrete Form Association |
| Association of Home Appliance | International Council of Shopping |
| Manufacturers (AHAM) | Centers |
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| Ballard Power Systems | Macy's Inc. |
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| Building Owners and Managers | Inc. |
| Association (BOMA) International | North American Insulation |
| Business Council for Sustainable Energy | Manufacturers Association (NAIMA) |
| California Energy Commission | MMA Renewable Ventures, LLC |
| California Solar Energy Industries | National Association of Home Builders |
| Association (CALSEIA) | National Association of Industrial and |
| CCIM Institute | Office Properties (NAIOP) |
| Climate Solutions | National Association of REALTORS |
| Conenergy | National Electrical Manufacturers |
| Constellation Energy | Association (NEMA) |
| The Dow Chemical Company | National Small Business Association |
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| Earthjustice | National Wildlife Federation |
| Energy Conversion Devices | Natural Resources Defense Council |
| Energy Innovations, Inc. | New Voice of Business |
| Environment America | Northeast Public Power Association |
| Environmental and Energy Study | Oerlikon |
| Institute (EESI) | Owens Corning |

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SCHOTT Solar, Inc.
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Solar Power, Inc.
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