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The Honorable Judd Gregg
United States Senate
393 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington Dc 20510

The Honorable John E Sununu
United State Senate
111 Russell Court Yard
Washington Dc 20510

Re: Renewable Energy Production Tax Credits

Dear Senator Gregg and Senator Sununu:


I am writing to urge you to support a long-term extension of the production tax credit for wind and solar facilities. This year the New Hampshire legislature overwhelmingly passed, and I signed, the Renewable Energy Act, which is aimed at meeting my goal of ensuring 25 percent of New Hampshire's energy comes from renewable sources by 2025.

Renewable energy is a vital component of New Hampshire's future energy mix. Increasing the use of renewable energy will reduce the harmful greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming, enhance our energy independence and contribute to the stability of our energy market by diversifying our energy sources.

Production tax credits are an important tool in spurring the development of renewable resources and in building our economy. GT Solar, for example, is one of 17 solar companies in New Hampshire, and it is growing at a tremendous rate. It recently launched a major expansion of its manufacturing plant in Merrimack to support worldwide demand for its solar components. Interest in wind energy production in New Hampshire is also robust. The first commercial scale wind facility has been approved in Lempster, and other large wind proposals, including the Noble Environmental Power proposal for Coos County, are currently under development.

Without these tax credits, the future of wind and solar generated electricity is in doubt. We are at an exciting time in the development of new technologies and applications to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels; now is not the time to cut back on these valuable tools to encourage development in New Hampshire. I urge you to support their extension when they come for a vote in the Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John H. Lynch", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right. The signature is written over the printed name and title.

John H. Lynch
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