

United States Senate  
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Thomas A. Barthold  
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Joint Committee on Taxation  
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Barthold:

We are writing to ask you to estimate the effect on federal revenues of S. 590, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to extend the investment tax credit with respect to solar energy property and qualify fuel cell property, and for other purposes. The Senate Finance Committee may be considering an energy tax bill in the near future, and it is important that we have a score on these provisions prior to the Committee's deliberations. In order to assist in these deliberations, we request that you provide a separate score for sections 2, 3 and 4 of the bill. It is our understanding that the sponsors of the House companion bill, H.R. 550, have made a similar scoring request.

S. 590 would extend the investment tax credit on qualifying solar and fuel cell facilities for an additional eight years. It also modifies the existing investment tax credit for solar photovoltaic property to a capacity-based credit of \$1,500 per half kilowatt of capacity. The bill allows the section 48 credits to be used against the alternative minimum tax. Additionally, the bill changes the accelerated depreciation recovery period for solar energy and fuel cell properties from five years to three years, effective for property placed in service after December 31, 2006.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please contact Valerie West with Senator Smith's staff (4-8328) or Steve Black with Senator Salazar's staff (8-5033) if you have any questions or require any further information.

Sincerely,



Gordon H. Smith  
United States Senate



Ken Salazar  
United States Senate

January 22, 2007

Mr. Thomas Barthold  
Acting Chief of Staff  
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Dear Tom:

We are requesting a revenue estimate for H.R. 550, the Securing America's Energy Independence Act. The bill seeks to extend and modify the investment tax credits with respect to solar energy and qualified fuel cell property.

Please include revenue estimates of the total cost of the legislation over five and ten years, as well as separate estimates for the following individual provisions of the bill:

(1) Sec. 2(a,b,e) of the bill, which extends the sec. 48 tax credit for solar energy property (other than solar photovoltaic energy property) and fuel cells for eight years (i.e., through periods ending before January 1, 2017);

(2) Sec. 3 of the bill, which provides for extension and modification of the sec. 25D tax credits for residential energy efficient property; and

(3) Sec. 4 of the bill, which provides for a 3-year accelerated depreciation period for solar energy property and fuel cell property.

Enclosed is a copy of H.R. 550 for your review. Please contact Jim Glenn (McNulty) at 5-5076 or Joanna Foust (Camp) at 5-3561 if you have any questions or require additional information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Michael McNulty  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

Dave Camp  
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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