



Finding the ways that work

August 29, 2012

The Honorable Kevin Brady
200 River Pointe, Suite 304
Conroe, Texas 77304
Fax: 936-441-5757

Dear Congressman Brady,

Since 1967, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) has advocated market-based solutions to environmental concerns. As Vice President of EDF's Energy Program and Regional Director of EDF's Texas Office, I helped to design and advocate for the Texas Renewable Portfolio Standard that led to almost 10,000 MW's of new wind energy in Texas. I am writing today because the continued development of wind energy in Texas and across the country will stall if the Production Tax Credit (PTC) for wind energy, set to expire on December 31st, is not extended.

Growing industries that are adding to the economic well-being and job market are exactly what we need in the years ahead. The energy industry has been one area in particular that Texas has reigned supreme for many years. Our state's booming wind industry has brought jobs and increased energy security during a difficult economic time.

With over 10,000 megawatts of wind energy installations, and well over 8,000 direct wind energy jobs, Texas is taking charge and capitalizing on this new investment. The progress our state has made in wind energy is encouraging for our economic future. Many goals Texas has been able to accomplish have been with the help of the Production Tax Credit (PTC) for wind energy.

As a reward to private companies that have secured successful wind installations, the PTC for wind energy has been able to generate revenue to the landowners, companies, and communities surrounding wind turbines. Areas with ports and manufacturers benefit greatly, as work orders for gears, parts, and turbine structures are assembled and transported all over the country. The PTC has helped lower wind energy costs by over 90% since 2005, and provided enough energy to power the equivalent of 10 million homes across the country.

At a time when our economy is in desperate need of job growth and investment, the PTC for wind energy is a necessary program to keep alive. Providing over 75,000 direct jobs nationwide and encouraging growth in a 'Made in America' industry, it is easy to see the importance of the PTC. Please support and encourage your colleagues to support an extension of the PTC for wind energy when it comes up for a vote in the House this fall.

Respectfully,

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Jim Marston
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Regional Director, Texas
Environmental Defense Fund



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The Honorable John Cornyn
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Dear Senator Cornyn,

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The Honorable Jeb Hensarling
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Dear Congressman Hensarling,

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The Honorable Kenny Marchant
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Dear Congressman Marchant,

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