

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,

Abengoa Solar
Akeena Solar
Alliance to Save Energy
Ameresco
American Institute of Architects
American Council for an Energy
Efficient Economy (ACEEE)
American Council on Renewable Energy
(ACORE)
American Rivers
American Wind Energy Association
Applied Materials, Inc.
Apricus Inc.
American Society of Heating,
Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning
Engineers, Inc. (ASHRAE)
Association of Home Appliance
Manufacturers (AHAM)
Audubon
Ausra, Inc.
Ballard Power Systems
Best Buy Co., Inc.
BrightSource Energy
Building Owners and Managers
Association (BOMA) International
Business Council for Sustainable Energy
California Energy Commission
California Solar Energy Industries
Association (CALSEIA)
CCIM Institute
Climate Solutions
Conenergy
Constellation Energy
The Dow Chemical Company
DuPont
Earthjustice
Energy Conversion Devices
Energy Innovations, Inc.
Environment America
Environmental and Energy Study
Institute (EESI)

Environmental Law & Policy Center
(ELPC)
EPV Solar
Exelon Corporation
Florida Power & Light Company
Friends Committee on National
Legislation (FCNL)
Friends of the Earth
Fuel Cell Energy
Great River Energy
Greenpeace
GridPoint
The Home Depot, Inc.
Hydrogenics
Institute of Real Estate Management
Insulating Concrete Form Association
International Council of Shopping
Centers
Johnson Matthey
Lowe's Companies, Inc.
Macy's Inc.
Millennium Cell, Inc.
Mitsubishi Electric & Electronics USA,
Inc.
North American Insulation
Manufacturers Association (NAIMA)
MMA Renewable Ventures, LLC
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Industrial and
Office Properties (NAIOP)
National Association of REALTORS
National Electrical Manufacturers
Association (NEMA)
National Small Business Association
National Tribal Environmental Council
National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
New Voice of Business
Northeast Public Power Association
Oerlikon
Owens Corning

PG&E Corporation
Physicians for Social Responsibility
Polyisocyanurate Insulation
Manufacturers Association (PIMA)
Plug Power, Inc.
PPG Industries
PPM Energy, Inc.
Public Citizen
Q-Cells AG
REgrid Power
The Real Estate Roundtable
ReliOn
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Sacramento Municipal Utility District
(SMUD)
Safeway, Inc.
SANYO Energy (U.S.A) Corporation
SCHOTT Solar, Inc.
Schuco USA LP
Sharp Solar
Sierra Club
SkyFuel Inc.
Solar Energy Industries Association
Solar Integrated
Solar Millennium LLC
Solar Power, Inc.
Solar World
SOLEC-Solar Energy Corporation
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy
Spire Solar, Inc.
SunEdison
SunPower Corporation
Suntech America, Inc.
Target Corporation
Trane
Trinasolar
Union of Concerned Scientists
United Solar Ovonix
USA Biomass
US Fuel Cell Council
The United Steelworkers (USW)
United Technologies Corporation
The Vote Solar Initiative
Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
Western Organization of Resource
Councils (WORC)

Western Renewables Group
Whirlpool Corporation
Whole Foods Market, Inc.
Xcel Energy Company