

December 4, 2012

Dear Representative/Senator:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, businesses, and millions of Americans who enjoy and depend on our wildlife and natural resources, we strongly urge you to support extension of critical tax incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency that are slated for expiration this year. It is equally important that Congress support collaborative efforts to protect sensitive habitat, fish and wildlife populations, and communities during large-scale renewable energy development. Investment and growth in properly-sited, wildlife-friendly clean energy and conservation are the best ways to combat climate change, sustain communities, create American jobs, and promote economic growth across the country.

Climate change is fundamentally altering our environment and putting our outdoor heritage at risk. Sportsmen/women, wildlife advocates, and outdoor enthusiasts are supportive of the development of clean, renewable energy resources as long as it is done in the right places and in a manner that is protective of fish and wildlife habitat. Extending clean energy incentives like the Production Tax Credit (PTC) and Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for the wind industry, upfront avoidance of construction in sensitive, high-conflict areas, and investing in the mitigation of potential impacts from development to fish and wildlife habitat are all critical. These policies will help us limit the dangerous carbon pollution that is fueling climate change, lessen our dependence on dangerous sources of oil, and protect our nation's communities and conservation legacy.

Investing in energy efficiency and responsibly sited renewable energy creates jobs, saves consumers money, protects our health, and safeguards wildlife habitats and the outdoor economy those habitats support. We urge you to support these essential investments in America and work to see they are enacted as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

National Wildlife Federation
ConservAmerica
Alabama Environmental Council
Alliance for Affordable Energy, LA
Alternative Energy Resources Organization, MT
American Concrete, ME
Audubon Minnesota
Audubon Ohio
Berkshire Renewable Power L.L.C., MA
Bluffland Whitetails Association, MN
Bull Moose Sportsmen's Alliance, Ohio Advisory Committee
Center for the Celebration of Creation, PA
Central Ohio Anglers & Hunters Club
Citizens Climate Lobby, Harrisburg Chapter
Citizens Climate Lobby, Philadelphia Chapter
Citizens Climate Lobby, York Chapter, PA
Clean Wisconsin
Coalition for a Clean Minnesota River
Colorado Environmental Coalition
Colorado Wildlife Federation
Conservation Law Foundation, ME
Conservation Minnesota
Cook County Dog Musers, MN
D&G Machine Products, ME
Dakota Rural Action, SD
Durand & Anastas Environmental Strategies, Inc, MA
Energy Consumers Alliance of New England
Envinity, PA
Environmental League of Massachusetts
Enviroscapes Design, OH
Eolian Renewable Energy L.L.C., NH
Exergy, MT
Fall-line Alliance for a Clean Environment, GA
Florida Wildlife Federation
Fly Fishers Paradise, PA
Fresh Energy, MN
Fresh Water Future, MI
Friends of Acadia, ME
Gates Au Sable Lodge and Fly Shop, MI
Global Green USA, CA
Great Lakes Environmental Law Center, MI
Great Lakes Federation of Fly Fishers, MI
Green Field Energy Solutions, PA
GreenLaw, GA

Headwater Realty, MI
Heritage Innovations, PA
Iowa Interfaith Power & Light
Izaak Walton League, Minnesota Division
James W. Sewall Engineering, ME
Jones River Watershed Association, MA
Kenway Corporation, ME
Kingston Green Energy Committee, MA
Komax Solar, PA
Lake Erie Regional Conservancy, PA
Lakes and Ponds Association of Western Massachusetts
Leech Lake Fishing Task Force, MN
Living the Green, PA
Maine Audubon
Maine Composites Alliance
Maine Drilling and Blasting
Maine Interfaith Power & Light
Maine Marine Composites
Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions
Massachusetts Interfaith Power & Light
Michigan Clean Water Action
Michigan Environmental Council
Michigan Interfaith Power & Light
Michigan Land Use Institute
Michigan League of Conservation Voters
Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
Minnesota Conservation Federation
Mom's Clean Air Force, New Hampshire
Montana Audubon
Montana Conservation Voters
Montana Environmental Information Center
Montana Renewable Energy Association
Montana Wind Resources
Morse Sporting Goods, NH
Natural Resources Club, Central Lakes College, MN
Natural Resources Council of Maine
NaturEner, MT
Nebraska Wildlife Federation
Neponset River Watershed Association, MA
New Hampshire Trappers Association
New Hampshire Trout Unlimited Council
New World Wind Power, MT
North Carolina Wildlife Federation

Oasis Montana
Ohio Environmental Council
Ohio Interfaith Power and Light
Ohio League of Conservation Voters
Oregon City Council
PennFuture
Perry/Laird Construction, PA
Potter Development Services, PA
R.M. Beaumont Corp., ME
ReVision Energy, NH
Rushforth Solar LLC, PA
S.W. Cole Engineering, ME
SBC Engineering, ME
Shoener Environmental, PA
South Carolina Coastal Conservation League
South Carolina Wildlife Federation
Southeast Energy Efficiency Alliance, GA
Southern Alliance for Clean Energy, TN
Space Coast Climate Change Initiative, FL
Tetra Tech, ME
The River Specialist, MI
The Trustees of Reservations, MI
Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, MI
TRC Engineering, ME
Virgin Islands Conservation Society
Virginia Conservation Network
Virginia Interfaith Power & Light
West Michigan Environmental Action Council
Western Lake Erie Waterkeepers, OH
Western Organization of Resource Councils
Western Resource Advocates, CO
Will Steger Foundation, MN
Win-Cres Trout Unlimited, MN
Wind on the Wires, MN
Wyoming Wildlife Federation
Yale Cordage, ME