



February 11, 2012

Congressman Brian Bilbray  
US House of Representatives  
US Capitol  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Bilbray:

On behalf of Consumer Alliance for a Strong Economy (CASE), I am deeply committed to extending the wind energy Production Tax Credit to spur private investment leading to new jobs and more local economic activity.

The tax credit, which costs between \$2-3 billion, has driven more than \$10-20 billion in private sector investment. It currently benefits 420 manufacturing facilities and directly supports 75,000 jobs across the U.S. The Production Tax Credit is instrumental in growing an industry committed to reducing our dependence on foreign energy supplies. This investment in clean energy technology is good policy for our national economy, security, and homegrown manufacturing jobs.

We represent over 10,000 members – entrepreneurs, small business owners, farmers and consumers – who are concerned about public policy issues that impact their businesses, their lives and their future. CASE is unique because it is a true grassroots non-partisan organization formed by real people to make sure nation's economy is not harmed by decisions being made in our public officials.

With so many Americans employed in this industry, extending the Production Tax Credit is sound economic policy. As an investment multiplier and solid job creator for California, it is also an extraordinary example of how bipartisan support in Congress has empowered America to innovate and lead in clean energy technology, production, and delivery.

Please urge your congressional colleagues to support PTC in the payroll tax bill which is currently being debated. We cannot afford to wait any longer. CASE urges you to support extension of the wind Production Tax Credit to advance America's independent energy future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Cristina Rivera".

Cristina Rivera  
Executive Director