



AMERICANS FOR PROSPERITY

## Over 45 Groups to Congress: Oppose Attaching “Green Pork” Tax Provisions to Lame Duck Spending Legislation.



October 26, 2016

Dear Majority Leader McConnell and House Speaker Ryan:

On behalf of our organizations and the millions of Americans we represent, we write to express our strong opposition to extending expiring renewable energy provisions on upcoming spending legislation.

Congress considered the matter of expiring tax provisions less than one year ago. The \$680 billion package signed into law in December made some of these items permanent and allowed more than two dozen others to expire at the end of this past year, laying the groundwork for comprehensive tax reform. The \$1.4 billion in expiring tax provisions currently under consideration—pertaining to wind power, geothermal heat pumps, fuel cell facilities, and combined heat and power (CHP) properties—are a distortion of the tax laws for special interests in the renewable energy industry and were wisely left out of this package.

It should also be noted that Congress extended significantly favorable tax treatment to renewable energy in omnibus appropriation legislation that accompanied the aforementioned tax extender package. This bill included 5-year extensions of the main federal provisions for renewables, the wind production tax credit (PTC) and the solar investment tax credit (ITC), at a cost of \$23.8 billion over the next decade.

Government subsidies, loans, mandates, and tax policies regarding renewables have consistently failed to deliver on their promises of long-term job creation and economic viability. Americans deserve access to energy solutions that are affordable and reliable—ones that should be able to stand on their own in the marketplace.

We encourage you to oppose efforts to use unrelated legislation as a vehicle to extend expiring tax provisions for renewable energy. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Americans for Prosperity

Council for Citizens Against Government Waste

Americans for Tax Reform

60 Plus Association

Heritage Action for America

Able Americans

National Taxpayers Union

Alliance for Wise Energy Decisions

FreedomWorks

American Commitment



American Conservative Union

American Council for Capital Formation (ACCF)

American Encore

American Energy Alliance

Americans for Competitive Enterprise

Americans for Constitutional Liberty

Americans for Limited Government

Caesar Rodney Institute

Center for Individual Freedom

Citizens' Alliance for Responsible Energy (CARE)

Coalition for a Strong America

Coalition Opposed to Additional Spending and Taxes (COAST)

Competitive Enterprise Institute

Concerned Veterans for America

Energy & Environment Legal Institute (E&E Legal)

Energy Makes America Great

Free Market America

Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce

Frontiers of Freedom

Generation Opportunity

Institute for Liberty

Jefferson Project

John Locke Foundation

Less Government

Maryland Taxpayers Association

National Black Chamber of Commerce

National Center for Public Policy Research

National Federation of Republican Assemblies

Rhode Island Center for Freedom and Prosperity

Rio Grande Foundation

Secure America's Future Economy (SAFE)

Taxpayers for Common Sense

Taxpayers Protection Alliance

Tea Party Nation

Texas Public Policy Foundation

The LIBRE Initiative

United For Missouri