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Subject: Please DO NOT support the 4-year Production Tax Credit extension bill

Reps. Earl Blumenauer, D-Ore., and Dave Reichert, R-Wash., introduced a bill that would extend the renewable-energy Production Tax Credit through 2016.

Please DO NOT support this bill.

This bill is fueling the irresponsible siting of industrial wind turbines in Wisconsin. Without these credits, your constituents will be spared the negative health and financial impact of turbines in their communities.

To see what the results of these PTC, one needs to look no further than Wisconsin's newest running wind project - Shirley Wind in Glenmore, WI - a project fueled by Production Tax Credits. This wind project has had three corporate owners in less than a year of operation, and is owned by a North Carolina company. Emerging Energies developed the Installation of 8 of the largest turbines in Wisconsin that were manufactured in Germany (this being a project praised for local involvement and the most expensive components were not even made in the USA).

The Shirley Wind siting model was easily the most irresponsible of any in Wisconsin so far, but seems to be the trend - larger and larger turbines (these just under 500 feet tall) and shorter and shorter setbacks. Two families have already abandoned their homes because of the unlivable conditions caused by the neighboring wind turbines - 6 other families have reported serious health concerns, but have no choice but to suffer in their homes. Over 13 million dollars of our tax money (federal 1603 grants) were used to construct this parasite of a project and here is the best part : Only one, yes ONE, permanent Wisconsin job was created. ONE.

Please END THESE PTC's. Wisconsin residents have paid a high price for these already and it has to stop. Please put Wisconsin citizens' health and property rights before the short sighted, costly, and irresponsible behavior of wind developers fueled by the use of PTC's.

And one other thing, the country can't afford more debt. Let the market decide what is right. Production Tax Credits are a huge market distortion that we CAN NOT AFFORD.

Thank you

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Dear Governor Walker:

I am sending you this note along with my neighbors. Please excuse the fact it is a form letter, but we all want you to know this is our message. I am a resident of the Town of Forest, St. Croix County, and I, along with my neighbors, family and friends fully support the 'Wisconsin Citizens Safe Wind Siting Guidelines'. PSC128 does NOT protect our family's health and safety, does not protect our property rights, and is bad for Wisconsin business.

The Wisconsin Citizens Safe Wind Siting Guidelines will protect my family and neighbors from the negligent and irresponsible Highland Wind Project under development by Emerging Energies of Wisconsin, LLC, which intends to build a minimum of 41 turbines 500-foot tall in our township. We all know what has happened in Glenmore, WI with the Shirley Wind Project. People there are suffering. Some of us have toured the Shirley Project and experienced the uncomfortable health effects to living too close to turbines. If PSC128 is not stopped, we may be the next victims of negligent and irresponsible wind turbine siting.

Thank you for your consideration

Your Name:

Your Address:

Your Phone Number:

Other points you may wish to cover:

\* PSC128 tramples on property rights and is a direct threat to the health, safety, and financial well being of Wisconsin families.

\* Wind development impacts my family and thousands of landowners across Wisconsin and is bad for Wisconsin business. There is no substantial evidence that industrial wind turbine development will create long-term jobs in Wisconsin. While the construction phase will create some temporary work, long term wind development raises utility rates, making already struggling businesses less likely to hire and placing an undue hardship on families that can afford it the least.

\* Use this Example:

Shirley Wind - Wisconsin's Newest Industrial Wind Project

- 3 Owners since its dedication less than one year ago

- Currently owned by Duke Energy based in North Carolina

- Eight 500 foot tall turbines manufactured in Germany

- 13.2 MILLION Dollars in Tax Credits (our tax dollars) to construct

- 2 Wisconsin families have left their homes due to health issues

- 1 permanent Wisconsin job

\* Scientific studies need to be done in order to enable the PSC and local government to establish setbacks that address noise levels, health impacts, and property rights.

\* The Wisconsin Citizens Safe Wind Siting Guidelines" is a set of guidelines based on the latest science available. It is critical that any discussion of establishing parameters for industrial wind turbine development use these guidelines as a basis.

\* We have over 25% over capacity of electric generation in Wisconsin. This is generating capacity that the utility ratepayers have already paid for. Instead of using this as an asset and pushing for conservation efforts, the wind industry would lead you to believe that adding MORE OVER-CAPACITY is the answer.

\* Wind development is essentially another tax on heavy industry and all utility ratepayers that further financially burdens our state. Wisconsin's energy costs have a direct impact on the business climate of Wisconsin.