

Dear Senator / Representative / President Bush / Vice-President Cheney:

The United States of America desperately needs to develop alternative forms of energy. Our dependence on foreign oil is a stranglehold upon our economy that costs us as a nation \$700 billion per year—a figure that can only get worse over time.

American ingenuity has always, throughout history, risen to the challenge of creating new technology to meet the needs of our nation. However, companies undertaking the daunting task of being innovators in the drive to equip our nation with the emerging technologies of wind, solar, biomass, geothermal, and other renewable and alternative forms of energy require support from you, our elected legislators, in the form of incentives such as tax credits.

The current tax credits for the development of alternative energy production facilities will expire in December of 2008. If this happens, it will be a severe body-blow to our drive toward energy security and toward the development of “green” and renewable forms of power.

It is intolerable that political infighting and bickering are preventing the extension of these tax credits. It is equally intolerable that extensions, when enacted, are not for a significant enough period of time to make the gamble on alternative energy sources worthwhile for these innovative companies.

The United States deserves a coherent energy policy. That includes tax credits for alternative energy. Legislation extending such tax credits for a significant length of time must be passed before the current ones expire.

Congressional voting results are a matter of public record and are easily tracked through THOMAS or the Government Printing Office website. Legislators who cannot bring themselves to compromise their pet projects for the benefit of our nation may find themselves facing a difficult re-election scenario in November.

Sincerely,

(your name)