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The Honorable Michael Bennet
458 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510
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Dear Senator Bennet,

On behalf of the City of Boulder, I respectfully urge you to support the extension of the production tax credit (PTC) for wind energy which is due to expire at the end of this year.

The Boulder area has a robust and growing clean technology industry, inclusive of companies involved in production of wind energy. These companies have proven potential to be powerful economic contributors to both the state and the nation. However, failure to extend the PTC would strike a significant blow to the industry and limit the economic benefits it generates. A study recently released by the American Wind Energy Association indicates that job creation in the wind power industry would be cut in half should the PTC expire, which translates into the loss of 37,000 US jobs and a 1/3rd cut to US wind manufacturing jobs. Private investment in the sector would drop nearly 2/3rd. In contrast, extending the PTC would allow the wind industry to add almost 100,000 American jobs over four years, as well as keep pace to support more than 500,000 American jobs by 2030.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for your strong leadership in Congress supporting renewable energy. I look forward to seeing you in D.C. on February 14th to discuss this and related energy matters.

Sincerely,

Lisa Morzel
Deputy Mayor

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