The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
United States Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Speaker Pelosi:

As negotiations on end-of-year legislation get underway, we urge you to prioritize legislation that would continue the investment tax credit (ITC) for solar, fuel cells, small wind, geothermal and other clean energy technologies. Continuing the ITC has strong bipartisan support and will deliver a clean energy win for our constituents, protect and grow jobs in our districts, and dramatically reduce carbon emissions. The ITC is especially important since it is one of the only remaining federal policies driving clean energy deployment today.

The American people—both Democrats and Republicans—overwhelmingly support clean energy, and solar energy in particular. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, 73 percent of voters support a "cleaner, stronger" energy agenda, and nearly three quarters of Americans believe we should use solar energy "as much as possible." It is clear they support dramatically increasing deployment of renewable sources of electricity. However, solar energy provided only two percent of U.S. electricity in 2018. Continuing the ITC is essential to growing this percentage and meeting our constituents' desire for clean energy.

The ITC has been a job-creation engine, creating $140 billion in private investment and more than 200,000 jobs since President Bush enacted it in 2006. Most are solid, middle-class jobs that are accessible to all Americans and cannot be outsourced. A recent report found that a continuation of the ITC through 2030 would spur an additional $87 billion in investment and create an additional 113,000 jobs. In addition, these technologies are helping struggling farmers generate additional revenue and lower their utility bills.

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Continuing the ITC will also help protect the environment and provide a much-needed win for the climate. According to recent analysis by the Rhodium Group and Wood MacKenzie, continuing clean energy tax credits will dramatically reduce carbon emissions, providing real reductions we must achieve to honor our 2025 Paris Agreement commitment and defend our credibility internationally.\(^8\)

For these reasons, we respectfully urge you to include an ITC extension in any end-of-year package. Without congressional action, the ITC will begin to phase down in 2020, jeopardizing clean energy growth and jobs. We look forward to working with you on this priority on behalf of our constituents.

Sincerely,

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