Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 19th, 2008

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Office of the Speaker
H-232, US Capitol
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Dear Madam Speaker,

We are writing to respectfully request that you bring H.R. 5984, the Clean Energy Tax Stimulus Act, as introduced by Representative Bartlett with 113 current cosponsors, to the floor for consideration as expeditiously and quickly as possible. We believe that the passage of the renewable energy tax extensions contained in H.R. 5984 is imperative to both our energy security and our overall energy policy. We are hopeful that you will join us in passing this important legislation.

These tax credits have spurred important and vital investment in various renewable energy industries, creating jobs for the American people and growing the American economy. An independent study by Navigant found that nationally "112,000 jobs in the wind and solar industries and $19 billion in investment" are at risk over the next six to eight months if the renewable energy tax credits are allowed to expire.

As you know, the full House of Representatives has voted on these tax extensions four times since August 2007. Each time, these extensions have been offset with controversial tax increases that have caused these tax extensions to languish in the Senate. The Senate companion to H.R. 5984 has 44 bipartisan cosponsors. Furthermore, this same language has already passed the full Senate with an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 88 to 8. It is important to note that this language is also absent provisions opposed by the President. Given our limited amount of legislative days in this Congress, we must focus our efforts on legislation that will become law.

With broad bipartisan support in both Chambers, it is unfortunate that the renewable energy tax credits have not already been extended due to a procedural stalemate. It is our hope that you will end this stalemate by bringing H.R. 5984 to the floor for passage immediately. Maintaining consistent federal incentives for renewable energy will free up American businesses and workers to do what they do better than anyone in the world: innovate. The nation is depending upon your leadership to ensure uninterrupted expansion of renewable American-made energy resources so vital to a more balanced national energy policy.

Respectfully,

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