**Thank you Senator X for supporting STATE jobs**

 All around the country, wind energy production is taking off: Iowa now runs on nearly 30% wind power; Illinois has 91 communities powered by clean energy; and Texas hit a record just two weeks ago when 38% of the electricity on a grid from the state’s largest utility came from wind. Here in STATE, [insert wind stat]. This is great news for STATE-ians, since a growing clean energy industry means good jobs and investment in our state.

That’s why I’d like to thank Senator X for looking out for STATE-ians’ jobs by supporting the renewal of the Production Tax Credit (PTC) for wind energy.

The wind tax credit boosts investments such as new and expanded wind turbine manufacturing facilities as well as new wind farms, creating good jobs and land lease payments for American farmers and ranchers. It’s a critical part of providing certainty that [STATE’s] wind industry needs to continue to grow, but Congress allowed the tax credit to expired at the end of 2013.

The wind industry supports more than 80,700 well-paying American jobs for men and women who build, maintain, and operate wind turbines, and who support operations, with [#] of those jobs here in [STATE]. Overall, wind produces enough clean energy to power 15 million homes. Continuing our support of wind will create more jobs in [STATE]. It will also mean cleaner air and better conservation of our precious water resources as we reduce our reliance on fossil fuels. A strong domestic wind industry also strengthens US competitiveness and energy independence.

Last week, the Senate Finance Committee, including Senator X, passed bipartisan legislation that includes the wind tax credit. Now the full Senate must vote.

I’d like to thank Senator X for supporting clean energy and good jobs in our state.

By supporting wind energy, Senator X is protecting STATE-ians’ jobs and health, and putting STATE-ians’ families first. Senator X’s vote will be remembered as a vote to save and create jobs, reduce pollution, and strengthen our competitiveness.