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Dear Senator/Representative:

On behalf of the BlueGreen Alliance, our thirteen national partners, and the over thirteen million people they represent, I wish to convey disappointment in the exclusion of extra funding for the Advanced Energy Manufacturing Tax Credit (48C) in *The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010*. In this weakened economy, we must take every opportunity to capture the good middle-class manufacturing jobs that come with investments in clean energy.

The one-year extension of the Section 1603 Treasury Grant Program is necessary for the vitality of the renewable energy industries and its workers. We appreciate its inclusion and thank the Members who fought hard for it, though we cannot be sure that the jobs created from this credit are high quality jobs since proper Davis Bacon prevailing wage protections were not included.

We could have created a complete package by including more funding for 48C, providing direct investment in the future of American manufacturing alongside the essential incentives for renewable energy production created by 1603. The oversubscribed 48C invested \$2.3 billion for qualified investments in advanced, clean energy projects, to support new, expanded, or re-equipped domestic manufacturing facilities, leveraging \$5.4 billion in private investment and creating jobs and economic growth in communities across the country.

Beyond just this credit, investing in clean energy manufacturing creates jobs, improves competitiveness, and revitalizes communities. Success stories are abundant. In Michigan, Merrill Tool and Machine used 48C to help diversify into manufacturing and assembling large-scale, advanced composite wind turbine blades and system components. In Indiana, ArcelorMittal USA turned an industrial energy efficiency grant from the Recovery Act into a project that will transfer blast furnace gas from a flare to a newly constructed boiler to cogenerate steam and electricity, saving 340,000 tons of greenhouse gases and creating or preserving thousands of jobs.

If this nation is to pursue a clean energy future — one where we produce clean, renewable, and homegrown energy — we must capture the manufacturing jobs that come with it. By failing to provide any direct investment to clean energy manufacturing, we are sending the production of clean energy technologies to countries like China — who are already investing in the clean energy economy and reaping the jobs that come with it.

We hope you will work with us to create and maximize opportunities for advancing American clean energy manufacturing.

Sincerely,

David Foster
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