

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Democratic Leader  
S-221 Capitol  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Ron Wyden  
Ranking Member  
Committee on Finance  
SD-219  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Leader Schumer and Senator Wyden:

As the Senate begins consideration of tax extenders and related legislation, we write to urge you to include three high-priority extensions of existing tax credits that are critical to our efforts to reduce emissions of harmful greenhouse gases and our dependence on fossil fuels. In particular, we ask you to include modifications of the investment tax credits (ITC) to include energy storage, an extension of the ITC for offshore wind, and a ten-year extension of the credit for electric vehicles (EV) and infrastructure.

Expanded use of energy storage technologies will be a key element in our efforts to modernize the grid and fully enable clean-energy technologies, such as wind and solar energy. Energy storage improves both system reliability and resilience and can be deployed in both residential and utility-scale applications. However, IRS currently applies the existing renewable energy ITCs only when paired with solar power; wind energy is not eligible. We urge you to extend the current ITCs in sections 48 and 25D to include energy storage in all applications.

As widely demonstrated in Europe, offshore wind has the potential to add thousands of megawatts of new generation in areas of the nation with high population and greatest need for additional clean generation capacity. Development of offshore wind power is just getting started on both coasts in the United States. However, the required planning and permitting process for offshore wind projects can take far longer than those of other renewable technologies. Thus, to help spur this vital near-term vital development, we urge you to extend the existing renewable energy ITC for offshore wind.

In order to position the U.S. as a global leader in manufacturing and reduce harmful air pollution, consumers must have continued access to the 30D credit to facilitate the rapid adoption of electric vehicles. Well over half of all electric vehicle sales in 2018 were by manufacturers that no longer will be eligible for the credit moving forward, threatening the progress the U.S. has made just as electric vehicles gain a market foothold. We therefore urge you to allow for greater flexibility for consumers and keep in place incentives that will facilitate increased EV adoption and infrastructure, including up to a 10-year extension as proposed in bicameral legislation last Congress.

We strongly believe tax incentives for these three technologies represent a vital step in our nation's effort to confront climate change and mitigate its devastating impacts on our communities. There is no time to waste. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

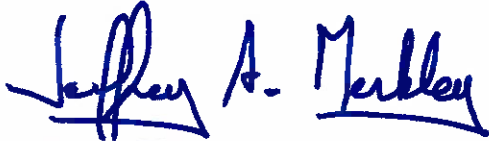
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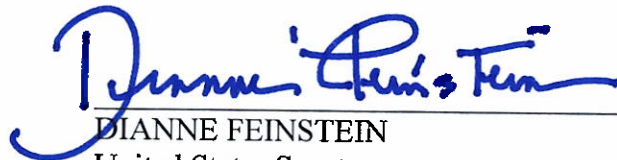
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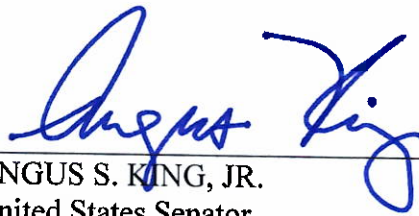


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