



June 18, 2019

The Honorable Richard Neal
Chairman, Committee on Ways & Means
U.S. House of Representatives
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Neal,

As you and your colleagues move to a possible markup of tax extenders legislation, we urge you to include the bipartisan *Energy Storage Tax Incentive and Deployment Act* (H.R. 2096) to make meaningful progress on advancing clean energy and addressing the climate crisis.

While members of the Democratic caucus debate how to address the climate crisis, the Ways & Means Committee has an opportunity to take a significant step forward by incorporating clean energy tax credits into forthcoming legislation. Energy storage technologies will help to integrate higher shares of wind and solar power and enable the electric grid to adapt to the demands of greater electrification of the transportation sector.

H.R. 2096 will ensure a level playing field for energy storage as a standalone asset alongside all other energy resources made eligible for Section 48 & 25D investment tax credits ("ITC"). Resolving the uncertainty facing companies who seek to utilize the ITC for energy storage will not only spur greater investment and create jobs among a diversity of industries, but also it will accelerate the U.S. transition to zero-carbon electric supply.

We encourage you to not miss this opportunity. Fixing ITC eligibility for standalone energy storage is among the nearest-term opportunities to advance clean energy in this Congress. We ask that the Ways & Means Committee consider incorporation of H.R. 2096 and clean energy tax items in the tax extenders markup. Doing so will support U.S. companies' investment and jobs in making America's power system more resilient, efficient, sustainable and affordable with energy storage.

Sincerely,

American Council on Renewable Energy (ACORE)
American Wind Energy Association (AWEA)
Energy Storage Association (ESA)
National Hydropower Association (NHA)
Northeast Clean Energy Council (NECEC)
RENEW Northeast
Solar Energy Business Association of New England (SEBANE)