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The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
U.S. House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure
2251 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman
U.S. House Committee on Ways and Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Chairman Brady:

As the Senate considers the reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), we write to convey our opposition to extending expiring renewable energy tax provisions with the forthcoming legislation.

In December, Congress addressed the issue of expiring tax extenders and passed a more than \$600 billion tax extender package that made some extenders permanent while allowing others, many which had out-lived their usefulness, to expire. Among those not included in that package were tax extenders pertaining to renewable energy such as wind power, geothermal heat pumps, and fuel cell facilities. Yet these are the very tax extenders that are currently being considered in the Senate as riders on the FAA reauthorization legislation.

Thus far, tax extenders for renewable energy have consistently failed to promote economic growth and create jobs. Worse, they have proven to be carve-outs for special interests in the renewable energy industry at the expense of the American people.

Congress took time to consider this issue in December and decided that these renewable energy tax extenders were not in the best interest of the country. As you consider the

reauthorization of the FAA, we urge you not to allow this unrelated legislation to be used as a vehicle to extend expiring tax credits for the renewable energy industry.

Sincerely,

Marsha Blackburn
Member of Congress