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Dear Members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation:

In support of U.S. President Donald J. Trump and your efforts to rein in unnecessary federal spending, balance the budget, and protect federal taxpayers across the state and nation, the following members of the 60<sup>th</sup> Oklahoma Legislature join The Petroleum Alliance of Oklahoma and its 1,700 individual and corporate members across the upstream, midstream and downstream sectors in urging Congress to end the various renewable energy tax credits designed to prop up uneconomic power generation schemes under the guise of climate protection.

These include the clean electricity production tax credit, clean electricity investment tax credit and related provisions under the advanced manufacturing production tax credit serving the wind and solar power generation and battery storage industries that will continue to be gamed to undermine Oklahoma's budget, increase electricity costs, and make the grid less reliable.

Expenditures under the production tax credit and investment tax credit are among the most expensive, unbounded, difficult to score, and never-ending provisions of 2022's misnamed Inflation Reduction Act, which you rightfully opposed. Cost estimates are all over the map for these provisions with a range of between \$70 billion and \$180 billion per year in pursuit of the Inflation Reduction Act's target of reducing U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by 75 percent from 2022 levels. Estimates of the 10-year costs of the Inflation Reduction Act's energy-related provisions range from the updated CBO-JCT score of \$383 billion to Goldman Sachs' \$1.2 trillion.



These subsidies distort energy markets, disproportionately burden American taxpayers, and continue to undermine natural gas for power generation, which pays a statewide gross production tax to boost Oklahoma's general revenue fund.

President Trump has made clear his commitment to unleash American energy. A key step in achieving this free-market goal is ending the propping up of intermittent renewables for power generation at the expense of reliable baseload power from natural gas. While the oil and natural gas industry operates in a highly competitive and capital-intensive environment, wind and solar continue to receive federal handouts that mask their true costs and place undue strain on our electric grid.

The production tax credit and investment tax credit were designed to be temporary incentives to help emerging energy technologies stand on their own. However, decades later, it is clear they have become taxpayer crutches in support of a renewables industry that is unlikely ever to stand on its own. The continuation of these tax credits is no longer justifiable. Congress must act now to restore fairness in energy markets by eliminating these subsidies so energy sources compete on their own merits.

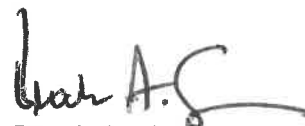
Oklahoma's oil and gas industry is a cornerstone of our economy, supporting hundreds of thousands of jobs, strengthening national security, and providing affordable and reliable energy to millions of Americans. By eliminating the investment tax credit and production tax credit, Congress can help level the playing field, reduce wasteful spending, and reinforce President Trump's vision of U.S. energy independence.

We urge you to end these unfair tax credits and restore true market competition in the energy sector. The future of our nation's energy security depends on it.

Sincerely,



Chad McDougall  
Chairman



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CC: U.S. President Donald J. Trump  
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