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The Honorable Richard Neal, Chairman
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Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady, Ranking
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The Honorable Charles Grassley, Chairman
Senate Committee on Finance
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The Honorable Ron Wyden, Ranking
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Dear Chairmen Neal and Grassley and Ranking Members Brady and Wyden:

As our nation faces the immediate crisis of the coronavirus, we must not forget the urgent need to continue the transition to clean energy. Environmental Working Group, a nonprofit and non-partisan research and advocacy organization, adds its voice to the growing chorus of public interest groups, associations and citizens urging the extension and expansion of federal tax support for America's booming clean energy and transportation economy.

Clean energy incentives create jobs, boost energy independence and reduce the greenhouse gas emissions that drive the climate crisis. We have a brief window of time in which to avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change, which threatens to devastate our communities and our economy. We must use all available tools to address this crisis by accelerating the deployment of clean energy and electric vehicles.

Tax incentives have proven to be extremely effective tools in this transition, but many of them are phasing down, need updating or will soon expire. We cannot afford to backslide on clean energy and our commitment to a viable future for our children. With your leadership, Congress can ensure that we continue moving forward by securing the viability of renewable energy and electric vehicle supply chains and manufacturing.

As the pandemic emergency has demonstrated, a coordinated federal response is the only way to meet the challenges we face as a nation. EWG urges you to support and adopt legislation proposed by two dozen advocacy and trade organizations in their [letter of February 27](#), which include:

- H.R. 2096/S. 1142, the Energy Storage Tax Incentive and Deployment Act of 2019.
- H.R. 3961/S. 2289, the Renewable Energy Extension Act.



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- Extension of the Production Tax Credit for wind power, as included in the House Ways and Means Committee's GREEN Act proposal.
- S. 1988/H.R. 4887, the Offshore Wind Power Act, and S. 1957/H.R. 3473, the Incentivizing Offshore Wind Power Act.
- H.R. 2704, the Renewable Energy Transferability Act.
- H.R. 2256/S. 1094, the Driving America Forward Act.
- H.R. 4506/S. 2588, the Home Energy Savings Act; and H.R.4646/S. 2595, the New Home Energy Efficiency Act.

Thank you for your leadership and your attention to this urgently needed package of legislation.

Sincerely,

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