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The Honorable Richard Neal
Chairman, House Ways and Means Committee
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Ranking Member, House Ways and Means Committee
1139 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Neal and Ranking Member Brady:

We are writing jointly on behalf of the environmental, conservation and renewable energy organizations signed below to respectfully urge enactment of an energy storage tax credit as part of any “extenders package” considered this year.

Specifically, we ask that energy storage be considered an eligible technology for the Section 48 and Section 25D 30% investment tax credits (ITC). Currently, energy storage technologies are only eligible for the investment tax credit as part of hybrid projects, under specific and relatively limited circumstances. Clarifying energy storage’s full eligibility for the ITC would accelerate energy storage deployment, improve power system reliability and resilience, and optimize the nation’s renewable energy resources.

An energy storage tax credit is a shared priority for extenders legislation. Such a credit provides a uniquely near-term and impactful way to accelerate the transition to renewable energy, spur economic growth, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

We thank you for your consideration and for your support of America’s growing renewable energy sector. We would of course welcome the opportunity to meet and discuss this vitally important measure.

Sincerely,

American Council on Renewable Energy
Environment America
Environmental Defense Fund
League of Conservation Voters
National Audubon Society

National Wildlife Federation
Natural Resources Defense Council
Sierra Club
Union of Concerned Scientists

Cc The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Steny Hoyer, House Majority Leader
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy, House Minority Leader