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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 500,000 members of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), I am writing to express our support of H.R. 2502, "The Renewable Energy Parity Act of 2013," introduced by Congressman Mike Thompson. I urge you to cosponsor this legislation which would modify the current "placed in service" language to a "commence construction" standard, giving renewable energy technologies the ability to more effectively utilize the investment tax credit (ITC) under section 48.

Investing in America's infrastructure is the cornerstone to improving both the middle class and our economy. For decades, LIUNA has embraced America's growth in all energy sectors including renewable energy and will continue to support its progress which currently provides thousands of jobs for our members across the country.

The recently enacted "American Taxpayer Relief Act" extended the opportunity for renewable energy technologies to obtain a section 45 production tax credit (PTC) through the end of 2013. Moreover, the legislation replaced the "placed in service" requirement for PTCs with a "commence construction" rule, which granted the tax credit as long as construction had been deemed "started" before the December 31, 2013 deadline.

The PTC provision, however, only gives certain clean energy industries a tax incentive. H.R. 2502 would provide the same incentive for all section 48 clean energy technologies, such as solar, small wind, and fuel cells, by changing the same "placed in service" requirement to a "commence construction" standard, further allowing the same efficient usage of ITCs.

Due to the intense planning, permitting, and developing processes, clean energy projects take years to complete. And with the current "placed in service" requirement under section 48, many of these projects will not qualify for ITCs, which expire at the end of 2016. This subtle change in language allows for a vast amount of flexibility and growth within the clean energy industry.

I urge you to cosponsor H.R. 2502, "The Renewable Energy Parity Act of 2013." If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Yvette Pena, Assistant Director of Legislation at ypena@liuna.org.

With kind regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

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