

GeoExchange continues its work for the industry on Capitol Hill. Two very important pieces of legislation were recently introduced that would extend the current credits five years beyond their slated expiration. The federal residential and commercial tax credits would be active through 2026 if these bills become law. We urge geo industry professionals to contact their Republican House members of Congress and ask them to co-sponsor [H.R. 3961](#), sponsored by Rep. Mike Thompson. The identical Senate version is [S. 2289](#). Our focus is on the House version of the bill and we want to attract Republican co-sponsors to make the bill as bipartisan as possible.

NY-Geo members and affiliates that live or do work in any New York House Republican congressional district should send an email to the relevant staff members listed below. Let them know how the industry is bouncing back after a big setback in 2017. Let them know how important the current credits are to growing their business, hiring more people, buying more equipment, and installing more systems. Let them know that GHPs are the best HVAC solution. But most importantly, ask them to co-sponsor H.R. 3961.

Sample language is below, let us know if you get any response from staff. Ryan Dougherty with GeoExchange can provide additional guidance for outreach messages and can answer any questions related to this important effort. His email is ryan@geoexchange.org.

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Sample Message

Dear Staff Name,

I am writing to request that Rep. _____ co-sponsor H.R. 3961, the Renewable Energy Extension Act of 2019. Sponsored by Rep. Mike Thompson, with chief co-sponsors Rep. Paul Cook and Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, this important legislation extends current renewable energy credits an additional five years through 2026. These credits are essential to helping our business grow as we carry out our mission of providing the most efficient heating and cooling solution to our customers.

Insert some details about your business here. History, communities you serve, people you employ, notable past projects, your future plans for growth, anything you want them to hear. But keep it somewhat short, 2-4 sentences.

Geothermal heat pumps are manufactured in the United States and require highly skilled labor to install them. Federal support for the technology has a multiplier effect that supports not only our business, but reduces our customers' energy consumption and lowers their utility bills, all while benefitting the environment.

On behalf of business name, we respectfully ask Rep. _____ to co-sponsor H.R. 3961.