

Dear Senators and Staff,

Please see the attached sign-on letter in both the Senate and the Assembly being circulated by Senator James Sanders, Jr., Chairman of the Senate Banks Committee, and Assemblymember Michael J. Cusick, Chairman of the Assembly Energy Committee, to U.S. Senator Chuck Schumer calling on him to support and cosponsor the Renewable Energy Extension Act (S.2289/Cortez Masto) to delay the phase down for five years of the federal Investment Tax Credit and the Renewable Energy Tax Credit. Currently, this law will begin phasing down the credits at the end of this year.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/senate-bill/2289>

This letter is endorsed by the New York Geothermal Energy Organization (NY-GEO), Dandelion, Sunrun, Plug Power, and Bloom Energy.

The recently enacted Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act established the most ambitious climate target to date: to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 40% from 1990 levels by 2030 and to create a net-zero carbon economy by 2050. However, we cannot meet these ambitious goals without continued federal support to accelerate the widespread adoption of clean energy technologies.

The federal Investment Tax Credit (ITC) has helped double the number of clean energy jobs in the last decade while helping reduce the greenhouse gas intensity of the electricity sector by 25%.

<https://www.eia.gov/outlooks/aeo/pdf/aeo2019.pdf> For the solar industry alone, the ITC has helped create nearly 250,000 jobs nationally and nearly 10,000 across New York State. <https://www.seia.org/state-solar-policy/new-york-solar> The ITC supports solar, geothermal heat pumps, fuel cells and other clean energy technologies.

For those Senators wishing to sign-on, please submit e-signatures to [alexande@nysenate.gov](mailto:alexande@nysenate.gov) by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, 2019.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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