

Red Alert: Congress Considering Dropping Renewables From Energy Bill

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If the crushing of hope were a renewable resource, then this Congress would be on the cutting edge of the clean energy revolution. As it is, though, we have a red alert. Congressional leadership is dropping the ball on renewable energy, and we need your help to get back on track. On Thursday morning, Senator Reid and Speaker Pelosi decided to drop the renewable energy standard out of the energy bill and drop the tax title. No tax title means no extension of the investment tax credit for solar, and no extension of the production tax credit for wind.

Let's see; nothing for solar, plus nothing for wind, hmmm, add no renewable energy standard, carry the zero; yep, that adds up to precisely nothing for renewable energy. Got that? Congressional leadership is moving an energy bill with nothing in it for renewable energy. Dropping the biggest pro-solar provision this country has ever seen, just when the industry is gaining momentum and making an impact. We've got maybe 24 hours to turn this around. We suggest calling until the Capitol switchboard melts. Can you ask your representative to pass the renewable energy message to Senator Reid and Speaker Pelosi? A suggested script might go like this:

"Hi. My name is ___. I, and 90% of America, would like more renewable energy. It's not a tough call, since it's pretty clear that the future of the world depends on it. So, please tell Senator Reid and Speaker Pelosi to include a 8-year extension for the solar investment tax credits in the energy bill. Thank you."

You can find your representative's contact information here. Call the Washington office. Additional talking points include:

- .Clean energy means jobs and energy independence.
- .America needs carbon-free renewable energy, now.
- .The fight against global warming will only be won by a transition to renewable energy.
- .The energy bill must extend investment tax credits for solar.
- .Our future depends on some strong leadership. Isn't that what leaders are supposed to do?

Many thanks.

Onwards-

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