



U.S. Senator Rob Portman
37 West Broad Street
Room 300
Columbus, OH 43215

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Dear Senator Portman:

We, the undersigned organizations, represent United States-based companies working with fuel cell component suppliers, fuel cell integrators, and fuel cell companies. We work to promote, supply, and utilize hydrogen and fuel cell technology in a wide range of applications to strengthen Ohio's fuel cell industry, and accelerate the transformation of the region to global leadership in fuel cell technology.

Our companies are proud to be a participant in this exciting energy expansion, and the progress we are making helps to maintain and increase advanced manufacturing jobs, as well as contributes to the clean energy landscape. It is because of legislation such as this, that the industry has been able to improve, progress, and diversify within the energy sector.

In support of the full breadth and depth of this industry, we are requesting that Congress act by advancing the following policies **as quickly as possible** to provide stability and certainty, and continue the forward movement in this expanding market:

1. Provide parity for fuel cells within the Section 48c of the tax code to mirror the incentive with solar technologies
2. Provide a multiyear extension of the Section 30B and 30C sections of the tax code for fuel cell electric vehicles and related infrastructure
3. Make a technical correction to Section 6426 to allow gaseous hydrogen to qualify for the existing excise tax credit

We applaud efforts for comprehensive tax reform, but in the short term, allowing these existing tax provisions to lapse would effectively increase taxes on the entities that create jobs and economic growth. Also, the on-again, off-again nature of credit eligibility will cause uncertainty and make it more difficult for businesses to make important tax planning decisions.

We commend you for your leadership on critical tax policy issues such as the Investment Tax Credit (ITC). **Our strong hope is that the ITC is extended in the first viable legislative vehicle.** We need your support to continue the advancements already attained with the help of previous legislation, and move the industry forward to keep America a leader in fuel cell innovation and application.

Thank you for your consideration of this critical issue and renewal of this important legislation.

THE FOLLOWING FULLY SUPPORT THE RENEWAL
OF THE FEDERAL INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT

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