



September 30, 2016

The Honorable John Cornyn
Senator
U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kevin Brady
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Cornyn and Chairman Brady:

Last December, Congress passed omnibus legislation that extended the Section 48 Investment Tax Credit (ITC) for some types of energy technologies, such as solar, but not all. Among the advanced energy technologies excluded from an extension were fuel cell technologies. Fuel cells are clean and resilient energy technologies that can be used for stationary power generation, backup power, vehicles and any device or machine that uses batteries.

Congress has until the end of the year, when the existing credit is due to expire, to fix this unfair disparity.

Fuel cells are a Made-In-America technology providing energy independence, security and high-tech jobs across the country. Thousands of companies use fuel cells, including major service providers and Fortune 100 companies such as AT&T and Wal-Mart. In Texas, Lockheed, Boeing, Bell Helicopter, Air Liquide and Praxair use fuel cells or supply hydrogen to help power fuel cell technology.

The U.S. is one of the world's largest and fastest-growing markets for fuel cell and hydrogen technologies, according to the Department of Energy. As demand for fuel cells continues to grow, at home and abroad, states like Texas are in a unique position to boost their manufacturing and exports by supporting the expansion of their fuel cell industry. But the industry needs – and deserves – a level playing field. Unfortunately, without the same ITC extension that solar now benefits from, fuel cell technologies are at a serious disadvantage.

In order to fix this market disruption, we urge Congress to extend the ITC. The longer this distortion continues to exist, the more damaging its effect becomes on jobs, energy security and American leadership in this emerging industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard A. Bennett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Richard A. (Tony) Bennett, President

CC: The Honorable Pete Olson, U.S. House of Representatives