The wind industry supports more than 80,700 American-made jobs around the country and is paving the way toward 100% clean energy for America. With the right policies in place, the wind industry could support 500,000 jobs by 2030. Already, states like Iowa and South Dakota generate 20 percent of their electricity from wind power, and the wind industry is on track to produce 20 percent of America’s electricity by 2030. Over 500 American manufacturing plants build wind components, keeping jobs close to home.

**EXPIRED POLICIES MEAN AMERICAN JOBS ARE AT RISK**

The Production Tax Credit (PTC), a federal policy that helps level the playing field and has been a key driver in wind-industry job growth over the past decade, expired at the end of 2013.

Congress’s failure to extend the PTC has dried up orders for new wind turbines and created a crisis where thousands of layoffs are imminent. Already, in Edensburg, PA, Gamesa announced that it would close its Western Pennsylvania wind turbine factory. The plant, located outside Pittsburgh, employed more than 300 United Steelworkers at its height, helping bring jobs back to a struggling region and hope back to struggling American families. The uncertainty of the PTC alone resulted in the loss of over 5,000 jobs with cancelled projects nationwide last year.

**CONGRESS SHOULD DEFEND AMERICAN JOBS, NOT THE INTERESTS OF BIG POLLUTERS**

Congress should support American wind energy jobs rather than continue to subsidize big polluters like the oil industry. Congress can protect jobs and public health by supporting the PTC and helping the country transition away from dirty fossil fuels. Elected officials should vote now to renew the PTC with a long-term extension immediately.

Join us in supporting American jobs in the wind industry by telling your members of Congress to renew the PTC now! To learn more, and to find out how you can get involved, visit: [www.sierraclub.org/windworks](http://www.sierraclub.org/windworks)