



Speakers at Iowa Ag Summit actions or comments on Wind Energy and its Production Tax Credit

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<p>Jeb Bush</p>	<p>Following former Gov. Jeb Bush’s foreign policy speech in February 2015, the Responding to Climate Change news service reported, “In a dig at the White House’s ‘all of the above’ energy plans, he said he would create a strategy to ‘re-industrialise (sic) the country’ with low cost energy. But he made no mention of wind, solar and other forms of renewables, which are some of the fastest growing sources of energy in the US.”</p> <p>Source: Ed King, “Jeb Bush ignores climate but backs oil in major foreign policy speech,” Responding to Climate Change, February 19, 2015.</p>
<p>Chris Christie</p>	<p>"The wind power movement is providing us with a unique opportunity to advance energy as industry," Christie said. "By doing so, we have the ability to leverage our tremendous resources with ground-breaking technologies, allowing New Jersey to increase its use of renewable energy sources while advancing an industry that will lead to long term job creation."</p> <p>Source: N.J. BPU now accepting application to build energy-producing offshore wind turbines, <i>New Jersey Newsroom</i>, May 16, 2011.</p> <p>In 2010, Christie signed an act that aimed to facilitate offshore wind power for use in the state. The measure offered financial aid and tax credits to attract private companies to participate in developing off-shore wind farms. “I think that every day we’re seeing that wind energy can be made more efficient and more cost effective to ratepayers,” said Christie.”</p> <p>Source: “Gov. Chris Christie signs offshore wind power bill,” <i>Newark Star-Ledger</i>, August 19, 2010.</p>
<p>Ted Cruz</p>	<p>In January 2015, Sen. Cruz voted against an amendment supporting a five year extension of the Production Tax Credit for wind.</p> <p>Source: Sen. Heidi Heitkamp’s (D-ND) Senate Amendment 133, Senate Roll Call Vote #40, January 28, 2015.</p>
<p>Lindsey Graham</p>	<p>In January 2015 Sen. Graham voted against an amendment supporting a five year extension of the Production Tax Credit for wind.</p> <p>Source: Sen. Heidi Heitkamp’s (D-ND) Senate Amendment 133, Senate Roll Call Vote #40, January 28, 2015.</p>
<p>Mike Huckabee</p>	<p>In a 2007 interview, when asked if he would support incentives to encourage a shift toward renewable energy, Huckabee said, “I think that there ought to be some government grants and subsidies for those who accelerate ways to produce the energy.”</p> <p>Source: Amanda Little, “An interview with Mike Huckabee about his presidential platform on energy and the environment,” <i>Grist</i>, October 3, 2007.</p> <p>In his 2008 presidential campaign, Huckabee supported an “all of the above” energy policy, including wind power, to achieve American energy independence. However, he did not specifically mention the Production Tax Credit.</p>

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<p>George Pataki</p>	<p>Source: Mike Huckabee for President, February 22, 2008; accessed March 3, 2015 via Archive.org.</p> <p>“We don’t have to choose between having either a vibrant economy or renewable energy,’ Pataki stressed, calling that a ‘false dichotomy and a false choice.’”</p> <p>Source: “Former Governor Pataki calls on consumers to invest in renewable energy,” New York University Law School, September 14, 2014.</p>
<p>Rick Perry</p>	<p>In September 2012 the <i>Texas Tribune</i> reported, “Gov. Rick Perry, viewed as a wind power stalwart for championing transmission lines and signing a renewable energy mandate in 2005, now emphasizes the need to remove all federal energy subsidies — a popular talking point among Tea Party supporters.”</p> <p>Source: Kate Galbraith, “Texas Wind Boom Threatened by Expiring Tax Credit,” <i>Texas Tribune</i>, September 14, 2012.</p> <p>In December 2014 the <i>Texas Tribune</i> reported that Perry helped “steer the boom” of the wind energy industry in Texas, but some environmentalists wonder if Perry’s fervor has waned, pointing to his failure to defend wind energy producers in their recent political battles.</p> <p>“Lucy Nashed, Perry’s spokeswoman, said ‘tax credits or incentives should always be appropriately limited in scope and duration.’”</p> <p>Source: Jim Malewitz, “Texas Now Hands-Down Leader in Wind Power,” <i>Texas Tribune</i>, December 28, 2014.</p>
<p>Marco Rubio</p>	<p>In May2014, Sen. Rubio voted against cloture to proceed to the EXPIRE Act, a package of tax extenders, including a provision to extend the PTC through December 31, 2015.</p> <p>Sources: S.Amdt.3060 to H.R. 3474, Senate Roll Call Vote #157, May 15, 2014. .</p> <p>In January 2015, Sen. Rubio missed the vote on an amendment supporting a five year extension of the Production Tax Credit for wind.</p> <p>Source: Sen. Heidi Heitkamp’s (D-ND) Senate .Amendment 133, Senate Roll Call Vote #40, January 28, 2015.</p>
<p>Rick Santorum</p>	<p>“My position is that we should phase out all energy subsidies and create a level playing field.”</p> <p>Source: William Petroski, “Santorum tells Iowa farmers he would end ethanol subsidies,” <i>Des Moines Register</i>, June 21, 2011.</p>
<p>Donald Trump</p>	<p>“Of course, not all business leaders are in favor of wind power. Donald Trump is vehemently opposed to it. He took out an ad in Scotland opposing wind development, though the ad was banned by the Advertising Standards Authority.”</p> <p>Source: RP Siegel, “Business Leaders Want Wind Power Tax Credit Extended,” Triplepundit.com, October 26, 2014.</p>
<p>Scott Walker</p>	<p>In 2014 the <i>Seattle Times</i> reported that in a 2010 campaign memo obtained by the <i>Milwaukee Journal Sentinel</i> Walker wrote, “Wind turbines have proved to be an expensive, inefficient source of electricity, and thus any future construction of turbines simply is not a policy goal or object that should be pursued further.”</p> <p>Source: Hal Bernton & Erin Heffernan, “As wind power surges, opposition grows,” <i>Seattle Times</i>, September 8, 2014.</p>