



# The Large Public Power Council

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The Honorable Max Baucus  
United States Senate  
511 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: Energy Independence and Tax Relief Act of 2008

Dear Senator Baucus:

The Large Public Power Council (LPPC) strongly supports the Energy Independence and Tax Relief Act of 2008. We are particularly pleased that this legislation extends and modifies the Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREBs) program and extends and modifies the Renewable Energy Production Tax Credit.

LPPC represents 24 of the largest public power systems in the United States, providing electric power to 40 million consumers in 11 states and Puerto Rico. Most of our members are committing significant new investments in renewable energy to help provide their customers with new sources of clean power. However, because public power is tax exempt, we are not able to directly utilize the renewable energy production tax credit, which makes CREBs an important companion to encourage all utilities, both consumer-owned and investor-owned, to develop more renewable sources of power.

LPPC is pleased to support this important legislation and look forward to working with you and your staff to insure its successful passage through the United States Senate. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us through our counsel, Jayne Fitzgerald, at 202-887-4581.

Sincerely,

Bob Johnston, Chair  
Large Public Power Council