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The Honorable Amy Klobuchar
United States Senate
SH-302 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Senator Klobuchar:

I am writing to express the strong support of the Large Public Power Council (LPPC) for the enactment of a Renewable Integration Credit (RIC) to speed the deployment of renewable resources and to create new clean energy jobs for the nation.

LPPC represents 24 of the nation's largest locally owned and controlled not-for-profit power systems. LPPC members are located in 11 states and Puerto Rico and provide reliable, affordable and environmentally responsible electric service to some of the largest cities in the country including Los Angeles, Seattle, Omaha, Phoenix, Sacramento, San Antonio, Jacksonville, Orlando and Austin.

Collectively LPPC members own and operate over 75,000 megawatts of generation capacity and nearly 34,000 circuit miles of high voltage transmission lines, representing nearly 90% of the transmission investment owned by non-federal public power entities in the United States. Many of our members are leaders in renewable deployment and energy efficiency. We are committed to these policy goals and are closely tied to the values of our local communities.

While the RIC is needed to offset the significant investments required to integrate renewable resources, the Large Public Power Council is particularly pleased that this legislation provides a direct payment to locally owned not-for-profit utilities. At present, renewable incentives available to most utilities are not accessible to locally owned public power providers.

Enactment of this legislation would allow LPPC member utilities to become "full partners" with the federal government in bringing renewable resources on line at a faster pace -- and would speed job creation by eliminating the need for lengthy and costly negotiations with third party developers.

The Large Public Power Council strongly supports enactment of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Milton B. Lee
LPPC Vice Chair

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