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My Name is Jeremy Coxon. I am vice president of SunWind Power Systems, Inc. We are a Minority Woman owned Business based in Floyds Knobs Indiana. We have been in the renewable energy business since 2005.

I'm here today to talk to you about the role that renewable energy can have in our economy during these difficult times. Since the announcements regarding the federal stimulus package we have seen a marked increase in interest in both our solar and wind systems. We are staffing up our operation in hopes that this initial interest will result in more sales. We sell Made in American product whenever possible. Unfortunately, there are not a large number of domestic producers for the products we sell. We would like to see that change quickly.

We are routinely contacted by farmers who want to begin using their land not only for HARVESTING the crops they currently grow, but also for harvesting FREE ENERGY, just like their grand parents did. Here in southern Indiana, we may not have the same wind intensity as our neighbors in the Northern section of the state, but anyone that's wandered to Southern Indiana has seen antique farm wind mills all over. Southern Indiana DOES indeed have enough wind and solar to power the average farm operation. Unfortunately, due lack of state incentives and the tangled web of net metering standards in Indiana, specifically the absence of net metering for the Indiana Rural Electric Cooperatives, a good portion of our business occurs in KY.

We would like to see Solar and Wind energy brought to scale in Indiana, where it is generating megawatts of power and making a significant contribution to the state's energy needs. Solar and Wind energy provides numerous societal benefits apart from the energy itself: clean air and water; reduced carbon emissions; greater security of supply; financial protection from the impending regulation of carbon emissions; and importantly, new job creation in a new industry, with jobs in technology, construction, manufacturing, sales and services. Securing these benefits is critical to the future of our state and our country. Government can play a pivotal role in enabling the solar industry to mature and achieve its potential.

Indiana farmers have been the backbone of our states economy for decades. I routinely speak with farmers, business owners, and individuals from all over the state and it is my experience that people are ready to adopt these technologies. They understand and have witnessed that the climate is changing. Unlike the Wall Street mentality, they are willing to invest for the long term because they know that this is the right thing to do, not only for their own financial benefit but also for the future well being of their families and farms. The obstacle isn't usually securing financing or even cost or any of other the things that one might expect. Instead, it's because Indiana's net metering standard doesn't include the REMCs and also because of the lack of State financial incentives. All of our neighbors, even KY, are ahead of Indiana on these important elements. OH is now seen at the top of the list of states that has serious policies and programs in place to address energy and climate issues. A few years ago they too were at the bottom of the list like us. Will we just sit by and watch as their green economy develops?

We would like to see a comprehensive, long-term initiative to establish a mature, stable, sustainable solar and wind energy industry in Indiana. The time for Hoosiers farmers to begin HARVESTING FREE ENERGY is here. They're ready and willing, but we need our leaders, including Congressman Baron Hill, to enable Indiana farmers through good energy policy.

Thank you.