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**Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Hearing on Energy Tax Incentives Driving the Green Job Economy  
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*Comments Submitted By:* American Biogas Council

Green energy tax incentives which incorporate anaerobic digestion (AD) technology are a proven means to create jobs. Anaerobic digestion is a renewable energy technology which uses America's excess organic wastes from agriculture, industry and residential and institutional solid wastes as feedstock to create biogas, renewable natural gas and clean renewable electricity while reducing our nation's greenhouse gas emissions. AD has shown to be a sustainable job creator in Europe. In only the last ten years, European Union AD incentive policies have created literally hundreds of thousands of manufacturing, construction and ongoing operational jobs.

AD is commercially available to build now in the United States and can be an immediate source of engineering, construction, manufacturing, operations and service jobs for the American workforce. As shown in Europe, AD can gain a self-sustaining foothold when given predictable and fair government incentives including tax incentives for the investment in and/or production of biogas, renewable natural gas or clean renewable electricity. Germany alone has installed over 4000 digesters in 15 years. Sweden already produces 35 percent of its vehicle fuel from biogas. The creation of these jobs and renewable energy infrastructure was directly the result of incentives implemented by leaders in each of these countries.

The American Biogas Council represents hundreds of AD equipment suppliers, manufacturers and design, engineering, operations and construction firms that are capable of deploying projects immediately, resulting in thousands of new jobs, clean renewable energy and reduced greenhouse gas emissions throughout the United States. The American Biogas Council thanks you for your interest in Anaerobic Digestion as a part of our country's future renewable energy infrastructure and our members stand ready to assist you as the committee begins crafting tax policy to promote green energy.

Sincerely,

American Biogas Council

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Greene".

Paul Greene  
Chairman