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The Honorable Sander Levin  
1236 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington DC, 20515

RE: Energy tax incentives and the green job economy

**Submitted via email:** [wmsubmissions@mail.house.gov](mailto:wmsubmissions@mail.house.gov)

Dear Representative Levin:

Northwest Pipe Company would like to express our continued support for energy tax incentives and the green job economy and ask that your committee consider extending the cash grant program for renewable energy projects as conceived in ARRA of 2009 (P.L. 111-5).

Northwest Pipe Company is a domestic manufacturer of welded steel pipe products used primarily for the transmission of water. Northwest Pipe has co-designed and patented a unique domestically manufactured turbine system, Northwest PowerPipe™, for use in water transmission pipelines for the purpose of generating electricity from the kinetic energy available in moving water.

The first system of its kind was recently installed in Riverside, California. As our unique technology is deployed, Northwest PowerPipe may assist in the water-energy nexus. Water for power production and alternative energy are both important public policy objectives in the United States. The small-hydropower opportunity that may be available from Northwest PowerPipe could have major positive benefits for our domestic green economy.

Because Northwest PowerPipe is in the early phase of development, being able to leverage various government provided financial incentives for renewable energy and energy efficiency is critical for some of our first adopters. The incentives that could be available to Northwest PowerPipe's potential domestic customer base as provided for in ARRA of 2009, (P.L. 111-5) may assist to offset funding challenges municipalities and other renewable energy users are facing in today's economic climate.

By extending the cash grant program for renewable energy projects as conceived in ARRA of 2009 (P.L. 111-5) you will assist users to specify and install renewable energy projects, which will in turn provide new jobs at domestic manufacturing companies like Northwest Pipe Company while enhancing America's ability to generate renewable, domestic energy.

Sincerely,  
Northwest Pipe Company

Yvonne Green

cc: National Hydropower Association (NHA)