

## Iowa's Wind Energy Potential

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During the past two weeks I've traveled across Iowa to talk about the future of wind energy with Iowa's wind energy producers and manufacturers. I saw for myself how wind energy is creating hundreds of good paying, green jobs across the state.

Iowa has become the country's second largest producer of wind power, producing over 2,700 MW of wind energy each year. But this is only the beginning of Iowa's potential as Iowa has the capacity to produce up to 62,000 MW of wind energy each year-that's enough to power about 15.5 million homes. Even President Obama recognized Iowa's wind energy potential with his recent visit to Newton, Iowa, wind parts manufacturers.

I've been working hard in Congress to promote wind energy. The first bill I introduced this year was to extend the Wind Energy Production Tax Credit for an additional seven years, which would provide incentives to increase wind energy production and create additional jobs in Iowa.

I was also proud to support the Recovery Act earlier this year, which included unprecedented investments in wind energy and other renewable energy sources. These investments in renewable energy will help Iowa continue its role as a wind energy leader.

We can all benefit from investments in wind energy which create jobs, provide affordable renewable energy and reduce our dependence on foreign oil.

For more information on wind energy and to see photos from my tour, visit my website at <http://braley.house.gov/>