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Des Moines, IA – In advance of President Obama’s planned visit, Americans for Prosperity – Iowa (AFP-IA) is urging the President to support proven energy policies, not more expensive, taxpayer-funded gimmicks like the wind energy tax credit.

“Iowans are tired of propping up politically favored industries while their gas prices soar and unemployment remains high,” said Mark Lucas, State Director of AFP-IA. “Twenty years ago, the wind power industry told us they only needed taxpayer support for a little while to help get them off the ground. Twenty years later, we’re still providing a \$5 billion special tax subsidy each year for an industry that supplies just over 2% of our power.”

AFP-IA supports ending all special tax preferences for energy producers and instead allowing the free market to determine which companies succeed.

“We don’t need more Solyndras and Solar Trusts draining taxpayer resources in pursuit of ambiguous “green energy” goals. It’s time for the President to pursue a real “all of the above” energy policy that lowers gas prices and creates jobs.”

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