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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Room H-232, The Capitol
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The Honorable Steny Hoyer
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Speaker Pelosi and Majority Leader Hoyer,

Today, the House of Representatives voted to adjourn. I voted against the adjournment resolution because, despite your tremendous leadership, this Congress has not succeeded in having an extension of the Solar Investment Tax Credit (ITC) signed into law. I believe we should stay in Washington, D.C. until this measure is passed successfully through both houses and sent to the President.

The ITC is essential to maintaining the vitality of the U.S. solar power industry. Solar power, in turn, represents one of our nation's best hopes for a clean, secure, and sustainable energy future. It also holds the seeds for economic growth and good jobs. In recent years the U.S. solar industry has been growing rapidly, but with the ITC scheduled to expire at the end of 2008, continued success is in jeopardy. Unless Congress acts immediately to extend the ITC, the industry may never realize its true potential and lose valuable ground to foreign competitors.

The impending lapse in the ITC is already having negative repercussions across the domestic solar industry. Solar projects totaling billions of dollars of potential investment are on hold pending renewal of the credit. This uncertainty is endangering jobs, economic growth, and clean electricity. At a time when our country needs the benefits of solar power more than ever, we should do everything we can to extend the ITC before officially ending the 110th Congress.

I appreciate your tireless and dedicated negotiations with the Senate on this legislation and know that you have made great progress in recent weeks. Together, I am confident that if the House remains in session we will succeed in fulfilling our responsibility to the American people. I stand committed to working with you to move this issue to completion. Please let me know if there is any way that I can work with you to help accomplish our shared goal of improving our economy and achieving greater energy independence.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gabrielle Giffords". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Gabrielle Giffords
Member of Congress (AZ-08)