Wind strengthens America by creating jobs and boosting the economy. This is especially true for areas like rural and rust belt America that have been struggling in recent years.

The wind industry currently supports more than 105,000 jobs. Wind industry workers earn family-sustaining wages while moving the country towards the future.

- According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, wind turbine technician is the second fastest growing job in the country, second only to solar PV installer.
- There are more than 23,000 wind-related manufacturing jobs in more than 500 factories all across the U.S.

Wind power invests in rural communities.

- Rural communities host more than 99 percent of the U.S. wind fleet. These wind farms provide local employment and investment. They bring in significant property, income, and state tax revenues.
- Rural landowners receive over a quarter billion dollars in lease payments every year for hosting wind turbines, acting as a "drought-resistant cash crop."
- Nearly 81% of installed wind capacity is in lower-income counties.
- The increased tax base provides funding for schools, hospitals, roads, and other local government needs.

1 TURBINE CREATES 44 YEARS OF FULL TIME EMPLOYMENT

- The average modern wind turbine installed in the U.S. creates 44 years of full-time employment over its lifetime.
- According to Navigant, the wind industry is expected to add 50,000 more jobs including 8,000 in factories by 2020.
- The wind industry employs veterans at a rate 72 percent higher than the average U.S. industry.

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