

September 28, 2017

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

We urge Congress to expeditiously pass a budget resolution with reconciliation instructions so that the promise of tax reform can be made a reality.

It has been 31 years since Congress last reformed the tax code. Since then, the code has become an anchor weighing down the economy, job creation, and wage growth for American families.

This Congress has a once-in-a-generation opportunity to fix the problem. Over the past several years, tremendous work has been done to prepare for this moment. In the 113<sup>th</sup> Congress the Ways and Means Committee conducted a comprehensive look at tax reform. Last year House Republicans released a Blueprint for reform. During the last Congress, the Senate Finance Committee convened bi-partisan working groups that tackled all the major aspects of reform.

President Trump has outlined his goals for reform, and the “Group of Six” – consisting of members from the House, Senate, and Administration – has presented a framework to guide the drafting and markup of legislation in the Ways and Means and Finance Committees.

While much work remains to be done, we believe Congress is well-positioned to move forward with comprehensive, pro-growth tax reform.

The single-most important next step is for Congress to adopt a budget resolution with reconciliation instructions that will permit tax reform to move forward without the threat of a filibuster.

Just like Members of Congress, each of our organizations will continue to advocate for specific priorities within tax reform as the relevant committees and ultimately the full House and Senate consider tax reform legislation.

But failing to pass a budget resolution now may mean that tax reform never moves forward. That outcome is unacceptable to all of us and ought to be unacceptable to every Member of Congress who has advocated for reform.

Sincerely,

Aerospace Industries Association  
African American Chamber of Commerce of New Jersey  
Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA)  
Alabama Retail Association  
Alaska Chamber  
Allen Fairview Chamber of Commerce (TX)  
Alliance for Competitive Taxation (ACT)

American Bakers Association  
American Bankers Association  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Exploration & Production Council  
American Farm Bureau Federation®  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Foundry Society  
American Gas Association  
American Hotel & Lodging Association  
American International Automobile Dealers Association  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Made Coalition  
American Petroleum Institute (API)  
American Supply Association  
Americans for Tax Reform  
Ames Chamber of Commerce (IA)  
Argentum  
Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Asian American Hotel Owners Association  
Asphalt Roofing Manufacturers Association  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Associated Wire Rope Fabricators  
Association for Hose and Accessories Distribution (NAHAD)  
Association of American Railroads  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Association of Washington Business  
Auto Care Association  
Baton Rouge Area Chamber (LA)  
Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce (MI)  
Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce (FL)  
Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce (MN)  
Bristol County Chamber of Commerce (MA)  
Buckeye Valley Chamber (AZ)  
Buffalo Niagara Partnership (NY)  
Business Council of Alabama  
Business Council of New York State  
Business Roundtable  
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance (IA)  
Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association (CTIA)  
Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Chambers of Commerce Alliance of Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties (CA)  
Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry (PA)  
Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce (ID)  
Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry

Colorado Retail Association  
Consumer Bankers Association  
Convenience Distribution Association  
Coral Gables Chamber of Commerce (FL)  
Council for Citizens Against Government Waste  
Covington County Chamber of Commerce (MS)  
Crowley Chamber of Commerce (LA)  
Davis Chamber of Commerce (UT)  
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce (OH)  
Eatonton-Putnam Chamber of Commerce (GA)  
Edison Electric Institute (EEI)  
Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce (OK)  
Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of Commerce (IL)  
Energy Equipment and Infrastructure Alliance  
Entertainment Software Association  
Financial Services Forum  
Florida Chamber of Commerce  
Florida Retail Federation  
Food Marketing Institute  
Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce (WI)  
Gas and Welding Distributors Association  
Georgia Chamber of Commerce  
Georgia Retail Federation  
Glenwood Springs Chamber Resort Association & Film Commission (CO)  
Granbury Chamber of Commerce (TX)  
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce (MI)  
Greater Bakersfield Chamber (CA)  
Greater Cedar Valley Alliance & Chamber (IA)  
Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce (CA)  
Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce (TX)  
Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce (AZ)  
Greater Ketchikan Chamber of Commerce (AK)  
Greater Lehigh Valley Chamber of Commerce (PA)  
Greater Louisville Inc. (KY)  
Greater North Dakota Chamber  
Greater Oklahoma City Chamber (OK)  
Greater Phoenix Chamber of Commerce (AZ)  
Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce (PA)  
Greater Shreveport Chamber of Commerce (LA)  
Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce (VA)  
Greater Toms River Chamber of Commerce (NJ)  
Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce (WA)  
Grocery Manufacturers Association  
Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce (NE)  
Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International (HARDI)  
Henderson Chamber of Commerce (NV)

Hilliard Area Chamber of Commerce (OH)  
Hillsboro Chamber of Commerce (OR)  
Home Furnishings Association  
Illinois Chamber of Commerce  
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America  
Independent Office Products & Furniture Dealers Alliance  
Independent Petroleum Association of America  
Indiana Chamber of Commerce  
International Foodservice Distributors Association  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
Iowa Chamber Alliance  
Irrigation Association  
ISSA, The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association  
Jefferson Chamber of Commerce (LA)  
Jenkins County Chamber of Commerce (GA)  
Job Creators Network  
Johnson City/Jonesborough/Washington County TN Chamber  
Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MO)  
Kalispell Chamber of Commerce (MT)  
Kansas Chamber of Commerce  
Kingsport Chamber (TN)  
Kyndle (Henderson County KY Chamber of Commerce)  
Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce (AZ)  
Lancaster Chamber (PA)  
Las Vegas Metro Chamber of Commerce (NV)  
Lemont Chamber of Commerce (IL)  
Lima Allen County Chamber of Commerce (OH)  
Little Rock Regional Chamber (AR)  
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce (CA)  
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry  
Manufactured Housing Institute  
McLean County Chamber of Commerce (IL)  
Metals Service Center Institute  
Metro South Chamber of Commerce (MA)  
Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce (WI)  
Michigan Retailers Association  
Minnesota Retailers Association  
Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry  
Monroe Chamber of Commerce (LA)  
Montgomery Area Chamber of Commerce (AL)  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
Myrtle Beach Area Chamber of Commerce (SC)  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies  
National Association of Professional Employer Organizations

National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts  
National Association of the Remodeling Industry  
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors  
National Beer Wholesalers Association  
National Black Chamber of Commerce  
National Club Association  
National Council of Chain Restaurants  
National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA)  
National Grocers Association  
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Office Products Alliance  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Restaurant Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National Stone, Sand and Gravel Association  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Nebraska Retail Federation  
NFIB - National Federation of Independent Business  
North Carolina Chamber  
North Country Chamber of Commerce (NY)  
North Dakota Retail Association  
North Kingstown Chamber of Commerce (RI)  
North Myrtle Beach Chamber of Commerce (SC)  
North Orange County Chamber (CA)  
North San Antonio Chamber (TX)  
Office Furniture Dealers Alliance  
Ohio Chamber of Commerce  
Ohio Council of Retail Merchants  
Oklahoma Retail Merchants Association  
Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce (WI)  
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce (CA)  
PA Chamber of Business and Industry  
Pennsylvania Retailers Association  
Plano Chamber of Commerce (TX)  
Portland Cement Association  
Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce (AL)  
Precious Metals Association of North America  
Professional Beauty Association  
Reforming America's Taxes Equitability (RATE) Coalition  
Reno+Sparks Chamber of Commerce (NV)  
Retail Association of Nevada  
Retail Association of New Mexico  
Retail Council of New York State  
Retail Industry Leaders Association

Retailers Association of Massachusetts  
Richardson Chamber of Commerce (TX)  
River Heights Chamber of Commerce (MN)  
S Corporation Association  
Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce (CA)  
Salt Lake Chamber (UT)  
San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce (CA)  
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership (CA)  
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce (PA)  
Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association  
Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades (SSDA-AT)  
Silver City Grant County Chamber of Commerce (NM)  
South Summit Chamber of Commerce (OH)  
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association  
Southwest Indiana Chamber  
St. Cloud Area Chamber of Commerce (MN)  
St. Joseph Chamber of Commerce  
St. Tammany West Chamber of Commerce  
State Chamber of Oklahoma  
Steel Manufacturers Association  
Tampa Bay Beaches Chamber of Commerce (FL)  
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Texas Retailers Association  
The Chamber of Commerce of the Santa Barbara Region (CA)  
The Chamber of Medford/Jackson County (OR)  
The Chamber Grand Forks/East Grand Forks (ND)  
The Fertilizer Institute  
The Financial Services Roundtable  
The Kentucky Chamber  
The Longview Chamber of Commerce (TX)  
The Ohio Society of CPAs  
The Real Estate Roundtable  
Tile Roofing Institute  
Tioga County Chamber of Commerce (NY)  
Tire Industry Association (TIA)  
Truck Renting and Leasing Association  
Tucson Metro Chamber (AZ)  
Tulsa Regional Chamber (OK)  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
Union County Chamber of Commerce  
United Corpus Christi Chamber of Commerce (TX)  
USTelecom - The Broadband Association  
Utah Food Industry Association  
Utah Retail Merchants Association  
Virginia Chamber of Commerce  
Virginia Small Business Partnership

West Baton Rouge Chamber of Commerce (LA)  
Wholesalers Association of the Northeast (WANE)  
Window and Door Manufacturers Association  
Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce  
WMDA/CAR Service Station and Automotive Repair Association