

October 19, 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 113th 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 Beverage 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
Arizona Retailers Association
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 City Chamber of Commerce (UT)
Cedar Rapids Metro Economic Alliance (IA)
Cellular Telecommunications and Internet Association (CTIA)
Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Commerce Hawaii

Chambers of Commerce Alliance of Ventura & Santa Barbara Counties (CA)
Chandler Chamber of Commerce (AZ)
Chattanooga Area Chamber of Commerce (TN)
Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry (PA)
Coeur d'Alene Chamber of Commerce (ID)
Colorado Association of Commerce and Industry
Colorado Business Roundtable
Colorado Retail Association
Commerce Lexington Inc. (KY)
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
Gilbert Chamber of Commerce (AZ)
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 Reading Chamber & Economic Development Corporation (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 Council of Shopping Centers
International Foodservice Distributors Association
International Franchise 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
Kentucky Retail Federation
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
Maine Innkeepers Association
Maine Restaurant Association
Maine State Chamber of Commerce

Manufactured Housing Institute
McLean County Chamber of Commerce (IL)
Mesa Chamber of Commerce (AZ)
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
Missouri Retailers Association
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 Automobile Dealers Association
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)

Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Office Furniture Dealers Alliance
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
Oklahoma Retail Merchants Association
Organization for International Investment (OFII)
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 Maine
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
Tempe Chamber of Commerce (AZ)
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry
Tennessee Retail Association
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 (KY)
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
Yuma County Chamber of Commerce (AZ)