

**August 1, 2012**

***To All Members of the U.S. House of Representatives:***

The undersigned organizations are calling on Congress to act now and extend *all* the expiring tax rates for one year while providing for the expedited consideration of comprehensive tax reform early in 2013.

Business owners in this country crave clarity. They do not know what the tax laws will be moving forward and this uncertainty is having a material and negative impact on investment and job creation.

Absent action, the Congressional Budget Office has made clear the combination of higher taxes and lower spending will send the economy into a tailspin starting early next year. Our members report that the prospect of the country going over the fiscal cliff is discouraging them from making investment and hiring decisions right now, slowing our already sluggish economy.

To address this uncertainty, Congress needs to act quickly on tax legislation that would accomplish two critical goals. First, the legislation must shrink the fiscal cliff and provide employers with a clear sense of the tax rules for 2013 by extending all of the expiring tax provisions for one year.

Second, because it is long past time for comprehensive reform to create a pro-business, pro-competitiveness and pro-jobs tax code, the legislation should outline exactly how and when Congress will consider a comprehensive rewrite of the individual, corporate and international tax codes. This legislation should instruct Congress to broaden the tax base while lowering overall rates, and include rules for expedited consideration of the legislation to prevent delay or filibuster to provide the long-term certainty our economy needs to flourish.

We appreciate your consideration of this request and look forward to supporting legislation fitting this description very soon.

Sincerely,

60 Plus Association  
Aeronautical Repair Station Association  
Agricultural Retailers Association  
American Architectural Manufacturers Association  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Forest & Paper Association

American Foundry Society  
American Hotel & Lodging Association  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Lighting Association  
American Loggers Council  
American Supply Association  
AMT-The Association for Manufacturing Technology  
Arizona Small Business Association  
Arkansas Grocers & Retail Merchants Association  
Associated Builders & Contractors  
Associated Builders and Contractors, Rocky Mountain Chapter  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Associated General Contractors  
Association for Hose & Accessories Distribution  
Association of Millwork Distributors  
Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association  
Automotive Parts Remanufacturers Association  
Carolinas Food Industry Council  
Chamber of Commerce of the United States  
Construction Industry Round Table  
Design Professionals Coalition  
Direct Selling Association  
Door and Hardware Institute  
Electronics Representatives Association  
Equipment Marketing & Distribution Association  
Financial Executives International  
Florida First Coast Chapter, Associated Builders & Contractors  
Food Marketing Institute  
Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association  
FPDA Motion & Control Network  
Heating, Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International  
Illinois Association of Convenience Stores  
Illinois Petroleum Marketers Association  
Independent Bankers Association of Texas  
Independent Community Bankers of America  
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America  
Indiana Cast Metals Association  
Indiana Manufacturers Association  
Industrial Supply Association  
International Cemetery, Cremation and Funeral Association  
International Foodservice Distributors Association  
International Franchise Association  
International Housewares Association  
International Sanitary Supply Association  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
Irrigation Association

Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association  
Machinery Dealers National Association  
Material Handling Equipment Distributors Association  
Metalcasters of Minnesota  
Metals Service Center Institute  
Mid-America Lumbermens Association  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Association of Electrical Distributors  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors  
National Beer Wholesalers Association  
National Club Association  
National Council of Chain Restaurants  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
National Electrical Manufacturers Association  
National Electrical Manufacturers Representatives Association  
National Federation of Independent Business  
National Glass Association  
National Grocers Association  
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association  
National Marine Distributors Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Precast Concrete Association  
National Propane Gas Association  
National Restaurant Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National Small Business Association  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
Non-Ferrous Founders' Society  
North Carolina Retail Merchants Association  
NPES The Association for Suppliers of Printing, Publishing and Converting Technologies  
NUCA, Representing Utility & Excavation Contractors  
Oklahoma Municipal Contractors Association  
Outdoor Power Equipment and Engine Service Association  
Pacific-West Fastener Association  
Pennsylvania Foundry Association  
Petroleum Equipment Institute  
Petroleum Marketers Association of America  
Printing Industries of America  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
Rocky Mountain Food Industry Association  
S-Corporation Association  
Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association  
Service Station Dealers of America & Allied Trades

Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council  
Snack Foods Association  
Society of American Florists  
South Carolina Retail Association  
SouthWestern Equipment Dealers Association  
SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association  
Texas Cast Metals Association  
Tire Industry Association  
Truck Renting and Leasing Association  
Utah Restaurant Association  
Virginia Retail Merchants Association  
Washington Automotive Wholesalers Association  
Washington DC, Maryland, Delaware Service Station & Automotive Repair Association  
Washington Retail Association  
Wholesale Florist & Florist Supplier Association  
Window & Door Dealers Alliance  
Window and Door Manufacturers Association  
Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America  
Wisconsin Cast Metals Association  
Wisconsin Grocers Association  
Wisconsin Small Business United  
Woodworking Machinery Industry Association