

May 29, 2014

To Members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

The undersigned associations—and the companies we represent—appreciate the efforts of the House Ways and Means Committee to make permanent important tax provisions that expired at the end of 2013. In particular, we support swift action on legislation (H.R. 4718) to permanently extend bonus depreciation, creating a pro-investment tax climate that will spur much needed economic growth and jobs and provide a bridge to broader tax reform.

Continued uncertainty about bonus depreciation is discouraging investment in the United States and, in some cases, keeping companies totally on the sidelines. This impacts both companies that make investments and companies that manufacture capital equipment.

In contrast, since 2008, members of our associations have responded positively to the availability of 50 percent expensing, including an important part of the legislation allowing companies to utilize Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) credits in lieu of 50 percent expensing. Many of our companies have been recognized for this commitment to domestic investment that creates jobs and increases productivity. Renewing bonus depreciation and the comparable AMT credit in lieu of bonus depreciation will provide an immediate incentive for businesses to make additional capital investments, thereby boosting the U.S. economy and job creation.

Thank you in advance for supporting this important legislation. Our associations and member companies will continue to support comprehensive tax reform, but until an agreement becomes effective, extending bonus depreciation is essential to maintaining the nation's economic momentum. In order to plan with certainty, companies must know as soon as possible what the tax rules for capital investment and job creation in America will be in 2014 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Aeronautical Repair Station Association  
Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute  
American Petroleum Institute  
Association of American Railroads  
American Composites Manufacturers Association  
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Foundry Society  
American Trucking Associations  
Arizona Manufacturers Council  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Associated Industries of Florida  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Auto Care Association  
Biotechnology Industry Organization  
CTIA – The Wireless Association  
California Manufacturers & Technology Association  
Chemical Coaters Association International  
Colorado Association of Commerce & Industry

Corn Refiners Association  
Council of Industry of Southeastern New York  
Forging Industry Association  
Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Energy Association  
General Aviation Manufacturers Association  
Georgia Association of Manufacturers  
INDA, Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry  
IPC—Association Connecting Electronics Industries  
ISSA--The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association  
ITTA – The Voice of Mid-Size Telecommunications Carriers  
Indiana Manufacturers Association  
Industrial Energy Consumers of America  
Industrial Fasteners Institute  
Industrial Heating Equipment Association  
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries  
Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute  
International Sign Association  
Iowa Association of Business and Industry  
Kansas Chamber of Commerce  
Mississippi Manufacturers Association  
Missouri Association of Manufacturers  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association  
NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association  
National Air Transportation Association  
National Association of Electrical Distributors  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Printing Ink Manufacturers  
National Business Aviation Association  
National Cable & Telecommunications Association  
National Council for Advanced Manufacturing  
National Mining Association  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
National Tooling and Machining Association  
National Waste & Recycling Association  
Nebraska Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Non-Ferrous Founders' Society  
North American Die Casting Association  
North Carolina Chamber  
Outdoor Power Equipment Institute  
Portland Cement Association  
Precision Machined Products Association  
Precision Metalforming Association  
Resilient Floor Covering Institute  
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association  
SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association  
San Antonio Manufacturers Association  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Specialty Graphics Imaging Association  
Steel Manufacturers Association  
Texas Association of Manufacturers  
Textile Rental Services Association

The State Chamber of Oklahoma  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
United States Telecom Association  
Valley Industrial Association  
Window and Door Manufacturers Association  
Woodworking Machinery Industry Association  
World Alliance for Decentralized Energy