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To All Members of the U.S. Senate:

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
Irrigation Association
American Council of Engineering Companies
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
Arkansas Grocers & Retail Merchants Association
Associated Builders & Contractors
Associated Builders and Contractors, Rocky Mountain Chapter
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
Door and Hardware Institute
Electronics Representatives Association
Equipment Marketing & Distribution Association
Financial Executives International
Florida First Coast Chapter, Associated Builders & Contractors
Food Marketing Institute
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 Foodservice Distributors Association
International Housewares Association
International Sanitary Supply Association
International Warehouse Logistics Association
Machinery Dealers National Association
Material Handling Equipment Distributors Association
Metalcasters of Minnesota
Metals Service Center Institute
Mid-America Lumbermens 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 Electrical Contractors Association
National Electrical Manufacturers Representatives Association

National Federation of Independent Business
National Funeral Directors Association
National Glass 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
Pennsylvania Foundry Association
Petroleum Marketers Association of America
Printing Industries of America
Rocky Mountain Food Industry Association
S-Corporation Association
Service Station Dealers of America & Allied Trades
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
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
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
Woodworking Machinery Industry Association