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The Honorable Chuck Grassley
Chairman
Senate Finance Committee
135 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20002

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Ranking Member
Senate Finance Committee
221 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20002

The Honorable Richard Neal
Chairman
House Ways and Means Committee
309 Rayburn House Office Building
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The Honorable Kevin Brady
Ranking Member
House Ways and Means Committee
1011 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Chairman Grassley, Ranking Member Wyden, Chairman Neal and Ranking Member Brady:

Our associations represent the industries that employ tens of millions of women and men in America who have played a critical role in helping the country respond to COVID-19 while struggling with the economic fallout caused by the pandemic. We greatly appreciate your swift action to provide liquidity to these already-strapped firms through key tax law changes that allow companies to utilize their existing tax attributes. To aid the economic recovery, we respectfully request that you consider adopting an additional tax measure in future legislation: accelerating the use of general business tax credits. This policy would provide liquidity to companies to help with reopening and rehiring.

Current law can prevent companies from fully utilizing general business tax credits, which include more than two dozen provisions, such as the R&D tax credit, work opportunity tax credit and renewable energy tax credits. Moreover, the economic downturn wrought by the pandemic is likely to reduce taxable income, further reducing the utility of these incentives. Accordingly, by amending Section 38 of the Internal Revenue Code to temporarily make these credits refundable on an elective basis, struggling companies will have immediate access to a source of liquidity that can help provide increased cash flow to support operations, including rehiring workers. As these credits can ultimately be used in future years, this proposal merely accelerates their use to provide relief during this crisis.

While the country begins to reopen, the need for liquidity remains as urgent as ever. By temporarily giving companies the option to monetize their general business credits, Congress can help ensure that the recovery is as strong as possible. We look forward to working with you on this proposal.

Sincerely,

Alaska Chamber
Alliance for Automotive Innovation
Alliance of Wyoming Manufacturers
American Apparel & Footwear Association (AAFA)
American Bakers Association

American Boiler Manufacturers Association (ABMA)
American Chemistry Council
American Coke and Coal Chemicals Institute
American Forest & Paper Association
American Frozen Food Institute
American Gaming Association
American Home Furnishings Alliance
American Iron and Steel Institute
American Pet Products Association
American Supply Association
American Welding Society
American Wood Council
AMT - The Association For Manufacturing Technology
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated Industries of Missouri
Association of Washington Business
Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire
Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers Association (BIFMA)
Chamber of Commerce Hawaii
Colorado Chamber of Commerce
Council of Industry of Southeastern New York
Dental Trade Alliance
Edison Electric Institute
EPDM Roofing Association
Equipment Leasing and Finance Association (ELFA)
Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, International
Georgia Association of Manufacturers
Greater North Dakota Chamber
Idaho Association of Commerce & Industry
INDA, The Association of the Nonwoven Fabrics Industry
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association
Independent Petroleum Association of America
Indiana Manufacturers Association
Industrial Fasteners Institute
Industrial Minerals Association - North America
Institute of Makers of Explosives
International Bottled Water Association
International Sign Association
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
Irrigation Association
ISSA - The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association
Jackson Area Manufacturers Association
Kansas Chamber
Lynchburg Regional Business Alliance
Maine State Chamber of Commerce
Maryland Chamber of Commerce
Metal Powder Industries Federation
Metals Service Center Institute
Michigan Manufacturers Association
Missouri Association of Manufacturers
Montana Chamber of Commerce

National Association of Chemical Distributors
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Center for Defense Manufacturing and Machining
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
National Fastener Distributors Association
National Lime Association
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association
National Roofing Contractors Association
National Shooting Sports Foundation
National Waste & Recycling Association
National Women in Roofing
National Wooden Pallet and Container Association
Nevada Manufacturers Association
New Jersey Business & Industry Association
Next Generation Manufacturing
Non-Ferrous Founders' Society
North American Meat Institute
North Carolina Chamber
Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers Association
Ohio Manufacturers' Association
Pennsylvania Manufacturers' Association
Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI)
Plastics Industry Association
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association
Rhode Island Manufacturers Association
Roof Coatings Manufacturers Association
San Antonio Manufacturers Association
SC Chamber of Commerce
Seattle Southside Chamber
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Specialty Equipment Market Association
SPRI, Inc.
STI/SPFA
Structural Insulated Panel Association (SIPA)
Texas Association of Business
The Association for Hose and Accessories Distribution
The Business Council of New York State, Inc.
The Hardwood Federation
Travel Goods Association (TGA)
Treated Wood Council
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
U.S. Tire Manufacturers Association
United Veterinary Services Association
Valve Manufacturers Association
Washington Trucking Associations
West Virginia Manufacturers Association
Window and Door Manufacturers Association