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The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
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The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
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The Honorable Ron Wyden  
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The Honorable Mike Crapo  
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Dear Majority Leader Schumer, Leader McConnell, Chair Wyden, Ranking Member Crapo, and Members of the U.S. Senate:

As representatives for taxpayers across the country, we, the undersigned organizations, urge you to expeditiously consider and pass H.R. 7024, the Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act (TRAFWA). In an increasingly competitive global economy, America must adopt a pro-growth agenda to remain the world's dominant economic force. Unfortunately, the current tax code has continuously suffocated American business and families, preventing the economy from reaching its true potential. As several key provisions of the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) have already expired, and others are set to sunset in 2025, the Senate must act swiftly to bolster competition and provide needed relief.

In January of this year, the House Ways and Means Committee reported the TRAFWA with an overwhelming, bipartisan vote of 40-3. When it came to the House floor, 357 members voted in favor of it. Yet, nearly two months later (and with Tax Day rapidly approaching in just 20 days), the Senate has failed to take a single vote on this critical legislation.

The TRAFWA would reinstate 100 percent research and development (R&D) expensing, a provision which will yield over \$70 billion in new R&D investment and more than 50,000 jobs. It would also provide valuable relief for small businesses by increasing the caps on businesses expensing and the reporting threshold for subcontract labor. Additionally, it will eliminate wasteful, fraud-ridden programs like the COVID-era employee retention tax credit.

After turbulent years of pandemic-era shocks, interest rate fluctuations, and spikes in inflation, the American economy is in dire need of this exact tax relief. A recent survey by the National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) revealed that manufacturers have been adversely affected by the expiration of TCJA's provisions. More than 78 percent of survey respondents claimed that the higher tax burden has already limited their ability to scale up operations. As other key TCJA provisions are set to expire soon, American businesses' ability to innovate will be further restricted by higher tax bills, thus crippling the U.S. economy's capacity to compete globally into the future.

As the adage goes, actions speak louder than words. A recent Gallup poll showed that a significant number of Americans are concerned with China's economic power. More than half of them designating the issue as "critical." This past year, after a long-period period of unprecedented, continuous growth, the Chinese economy has finally shown signs of weakness. Instead of duplicating the mistakes of our counterparts across the Pacific, the TRAFWA will empower American businesses and bolster competition with China. We strongly urge Leadership to bring this legislation to the Senate floor and encourage all members to support its passage before Tax Day.

Sincerely,

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