

February 2, 2012

The Honorable Dave Camp  
United States House of Representatives  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Max Baucus  
United States Senate  
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Conference Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman:

As you work to reconcile the House and Senate versions of H.R. 3630, the undersigned associations strongly urge you to include the bonus depreciation provision in the House-passed version of H.R. 3630 in final legislation. This provision, which would allow businesses of all sizes to deduct 100 percent of the cost of capital investments made in 2012, would spur much needed business investment and job creation.

In addition, in order to ensure the greatest possible benefit from bonus depreciation for the most companies, we strongly encourage you to include language holding the tax incentive harmless from long-term accounting methods under I.R.C. Section 460 (i.e. percentage of completion method) and allowing eligible companies to claim a portion of their unused Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) credits in lieu of bonus depreciation. Congress has previously enacted similar tax relief to allow the return of pre-paid taxes, which are what AMT credits represent.

Bonus depreciation—which is simply a timing change allowing taxpayers a benefit now rather than later—draws broad, bipartisan support and was included in the President's American Jobs Act legislation last Fall. Moreover, several Treasury studies have shown the favorable impact of this policy.

Given the continued economic uncertainty and high unemployment, it is important to extend this important investment incentive through 2012. Thank you in advance for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Adhesive and Sealant Council  
Aeronautical Repair Station Association  
Aerospace Industries Association  
Agricultural Retailers Association  
Air Conditioning Contractors of America  
Airlines for America  
American Brush Manufacturers Association  
American Composites Manufacturers Association

American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association  
American Concrete Pumping Association  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Fiber Manufacturers Association  
American Foundry Society  
American Frozen Food Institute  
American Gear Manufacturers Association  
American Institute for International Steel  
American Institute of Architects  
American Iron and Steel Institute  
American Machine Tool Distributors' Association  
American Rental Association  
American Road & Transportation Builders Association  
American Traffic Safety Services Association  
American Trucking Associations  
AMT-The Association For Manufacturing Technology  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Association of American Railroads  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Association of Independent Corrugated Converters  
Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association  
Brick Industry Association  
CropLife America  
CTIA – The Wireless Association®  
Dallas-Fort Worth Associated Equipment Distributors  
Equipment Distributors Association of Minnesota  
Equipment Marketing & Distribution Association  
European-American Business Council  
Fabricators and Manufacturers Association, International  
Far West Equipment Dealers Association  
Farm Equipment Manufacturers Association  
General Aviation Manufacturers Association  
Georgia Construction Aggregate Association  
Idaho Dairymen's Association  
Illinois Equipment Distributors  
Illinois Manufacturers' Association  
Industrial Energy Consumers of America  
Industrial Fasteners Institute  
Industrial Minerals Association - North America  
Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute  
International Sign Association  
International Warehouse Logistics Association  
Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association  
Iowa-Nebraska Equipment Distributors  
Kansas City Associated Equipment Distributors

Kentucky-Indiana Automotive Wholesalers Association  
Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association  
Material Handling Equipment Distributors Association  
Memphis Associated Equipment Distributors  
Metal Powder Industries Federation  
Metal Treating Institute  
Metals Service Center Institute  
Mid-American Equipment Retailers Association  
MN-SD Equipment Dealers Association  
Montana Equipment Dealers Association  
NAFA Fleet Management Association  
NAHAD - The Association for Hose & Accessories Distribution  
National Asphalt Pavement Association  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Automobile Dealers Association/American Truck Dealers  
National Business Aviation Association  
National Cable & Telecommunications Association  
National Lime Association  
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association  
National Marine Manufacturers Association  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Mining Association  
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association  
National Tooling and Machining Association  
North American Equipment Dealers Association  
North Dakota Associated Equipment Distributors  
Northeast Equipment Dealers Association  
NPES the Association for Suppliers of Printing, Publishing and Converting Technologies  
NUCA-Representing Utility & Excavation Contractors  
Ohio Aggregates & Industrial Minerals Association  
Ohio Equipment Distributors Association  
Ohio-Michigan Equipment Dealers Association  
Oklahoma Associated Equipment Distributors  
Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute  
Precision Machined Products Association  
Precision Metalforming Association  
Printing Industries of America  
Recreation Vehicle Industry Association  
Regional Manufacturing Institute  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
SMMA - The Motor & Motion Association  
South East Dairy Farmers Association  
South Western Equipment Dealers Association  
SouthEastern Equipment Dealers Association  
Specialty Equipment Market Association

SPI: The Plastics Industry Trade Association  
TechAmerica  
Telecommunications Industry Association  
Tennessee Chamber of Commerce & Industry  
Treated Wood Council  
Truck Renting and Leasing Association  
Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Association  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
U.S. Telecom Association  
Valley Industrial Association  
Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association, Inc.  
Western Business Roundtable  
Western United Dairymen  
Window and Door Manufactures Association  
Wire Fabricators Association  
Woodworking Machinery Industry Association

CC: Members of Senate Leadership  
Members of House Leadership  
Members of the Senate Finance Committee  
Members of the House Ways and Means Committee