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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

As we recover from the economic shock of the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses across the nation face significant headwinds, including a worker shortage crisis, massive supply chain disruptions, and the highest inflation in more than a generation. We need Congress focused on helping address these problems. Unfortunately, the so-called “Build Back Better” reconciliation bill that is currently under consideration would add to rather than reduce the challenges confronting America’s employers.

Economic experts agree that the initial spending and transfer payments will add to near-term inflationary pressures, further harming American families and businesses who are already suffering from higher prices on everything from food to energy. The proposed tax increases, including a new corporate minimum tax on book income, a new tax on stock buybacks, and tax increases on U.S. business income earned abroad, will harm the recovery and hamstring America as we work to compete globally, especially with China. The pharmaceutical price controls could result in fewer drugs being introduced to the U.S. market in the coming decades. America may miss out on the next vaccine or treatment for the next pandemic because of these short-sighted policies. Anti-energy provisions in the bill would increase the cost of energy for all Americans and could lead to energy supply shortages and power outages while prices are already the highest in a decade, squander domestic energy security, and threaten the supply chain for clean energy technologies. The bill would also overturn nearly 90 years of labor law to tilt the playing field in favor of unions by threatening employers of all sizes with bankruptcy-inducing civil penalties that do not exist in current law. Finally, because of various budget gimmicks, including sunseting new programs, in some cases after only one year, the true cost of the proposed bill is significantly higher than the nearly \$2 trillion that is advertised.

We urge you to oppose the reconciliation bill as currently drafted and instead turn your attention to addressing the challenges holding back our economic recovery.

Sincerely,

**National**

Agricultural Retailers Association  
American Home Furnishings Alliance  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Associated Wire Rope Fabricators  
Brick Industry Association  
Decorative Hardwoods Association

Energy Marketers of America  
Independent Petroleum Association of America  
International Franchise Association  
Metals Service Center Institute  
National Association of the Remodeling Industry

National Independent Automobile Dealers Association

National Mining Association

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

National Waste & Recycling Association

North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

U.S.A. Minority Chamber of Commerce

### **Alabama**

Alabama Tire Dealers Association

Automotive Aftermarket Association Southeast, Inc.

Coastal Alabama Business Chamber

East Alabama Chamber of Commerce

Enterprise Chamber of Commerce

Opelika Chamber of Commerce

Pell City Chamber of Commerce

Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce

Selma and Dallas County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Information

### **Alaska**

Alaska Chamber

### **Arizona**

Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Arizona Peoria Chamber of Commerce

Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce

Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce

Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce

Chandler Chamber of Commerce

Greater Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce

Greater Oro Valley Chamber

Greater Phoenix Chamber

Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce

Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce

Mesa Chamber of Commerce

Nogales-Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce

Peoria Chamber of Commerce

Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce

Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce

Tempe Chamber of Commerce

### **Arkansas**

Arkansas Chamber of Commerce/Associated Industries of Arkansas

Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce

Phillips County Chamber of Commerce

Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce

Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

### **California**

Beaumont Chamber of Commerce

Brea Chamber of Commerce

Buellton Business Association / Buellton Chamber of Commerce

California Business Roundtable

California Chamber of Commerce  
Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce  
Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Danville Area Chamber of Commerce  
El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce  
Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce  
Fresno Chamber of Commerce  
Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce  
Gateway Chambers Alliance  
Glendora Chamber  
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce  
Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce  
Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce  
Lake Elsinore Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Modesto Chamber of Commerce  
Norco Area Chamber of Commerce  
North San Diego Business Chamber  
Oceanside Chamber of Commerce  
Orange County Business Council  
Ramona Chamber of Commerce  
Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce  
Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce  
The Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce

Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce  
Tulare Chamber of Commerce

### **Colorado**

Cherry Creek Chamber of Commerce  
Colorado Chamber of Commerce  
Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Brighton Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau  
Northwest Douglas County Chamber & EDC  
The Colorado Chamber of Commerce  
Westminster Chamber of Commerce

### **Florida**

AMPLIFY Clearwater  
Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Florida Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce  
Jackson County Chamber of Commerce  
North Port Area Chamber of Commerce  
Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce  
Umatilla Chamber of Commerce

### **Georgia**

Barrow County Chamber of Commerce  
Cobb Chamber  
Donalsonville-Seminole Co. Chamber of Commerce and Development Authority of Seminole Co. and Donalsonville  
Greene County Chamber of Commerce

Robins Regional Chamber

**Guam**

Guam Chamber of Commerce

**Hawaii**

China Hawaii Chamber of Commerce

**Idaho**

Boise Metro Chamber

Caldwell Chamber of Commerce

Far West Agribusiness Association

Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce

Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry

**Illinois**

Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce

GLMV Chamber of Commerce

Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce

Manteno Chamber of Commerce

Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce

**Indiana**

Avon Chamber of Commerce

Crossroads Regional Chamber of Commerce

Greater Lafayette Commerce

Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce

Indiana Chamber of Commerce

Nappanee Area Chamber of Commerce

South Bend Regional Chamber

Spencer County Regional Chamber of Commerce

The Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana

Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce

**Iowa**

Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce

Greater Burlington Partnership

Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce

Iowa Association of Business and Industry

Madison County Chamber of Commerce

Mason City Area Chamber of Commerce

Spencer Chamber

**Kansas**

Derby Chamber of Commerce

Overland Park Chamber of Commerce

Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce

**Kentucky**

Commerce Lexington

Greater Louisville Inc. -The Metro Chamber of Commerce

Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Springfield Washington County Chamber of Commerce

**Louisiana**

Baton Rouge Area Chamber

Bossier Chamber of Commerce

Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of Commerce

Louisiana Agricultural Industries  
Association

Louisiana Association of Business and  
Industry

### **Maryland**

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

Central Maryland Chamber of Commerce

Dorchester Chamber of Commerce, INC

Frederick County Chamber of Commerce

Harford County Chamber of Commerce

Howard County Chamber

Maryland Chamber of Commerce

Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce

Washington County Chamber of Commerce

### **Michigan**

Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce of Fremont  
Michigan

Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce

Michigan Chamber of Commerce

Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce

Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber

### **Minnesota**

Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce

Austin Area Chamber of Commerce

Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce

Eden Prairie Chamber of Commerce

Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce

Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce

Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce

Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Minnesota Crop Production Retailers

Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

Winona Area Chamber of Commerce

### **Mississippi**

Mississippi Economic Council - The State  
Chamber

### **Missouri**

Greater St. Charles County Chamber of  
Commerce

Missouri Chamber of Commerce and  
Industry

The Greater West Plains Area Chamber of  
Commerce

### **Montana**

Baker Chamber of Commerce & Agriculture

Billings Chamber of Commerce

Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce

Montana Chamber of Commerce

### **Nebraska**

Kearney Area Chamber

Nebraska Chamber of Commerce &  
Industry

North Platte Area Chamber & Development  
Corporation

Ogallala/Keith County Chamber of  
Commerce

Washington County Chamber of Commerce

**Nevada**

Carson City Chamber of Commerce

Corning Area Chamber of Commerce

Henderson Chamber of Commerce

Laughlin Chamber of Commerce

Pahrump Valley Chamber of Commerce

Vegas Chamber

**New York**

Capital Region Chamber

Garden City NY Chamber of Commerce

**North Carolina**

Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce

Caldwell Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Hickory Nut Gorge

Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce

NC Chamber

**North Dakota**

Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce

Greater North Dakota Chamber

Minot Area Chamber EDC

The Chamber Grand Forks / East Grand Forks

**Ohio**

Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

Erie County Chamber of Commerce

Fostoria Chamber of Commerce

Lima Allen County Chamber of Commerce

Little Miami River Chamber Alliance

Mariemont Area Chamber of Commerce

Mason Deerfield Chamber

Shawnee Hills Area Chamber of Commerce

Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce

Springdale Chamber of Commerce

St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce

Streetsboro Area Chamber of Commerce

**Oklahoma**

Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce

Claremore Area Chamber of Commerce

Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce

Poteau Chamber of Commerce

The State Chamber of Oklahoma

Tulsa Regional Chamber

**Oregon**

Albany Area Chamber

Boardman Chamber of Commerce

McMinnville Chamber

Oregon Business & Industry

Pendleton Chamber of Commerce

Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce

Stayton Sublimity Chamber of Commerce

**Pennsylvania**

Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry

Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce

Erie Regional Chamber and Growth Partnership  
Exton Region Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Latrobe-Laurel Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Reading Chamber Alliance  
Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce  
Harrisburg Regional Chamber & CREDC  
Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Lancaster Chamber  
Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and Industry  
Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association  
Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce  
Western Chester County Chamber of Commerce  
Westmoreland County Chamber of Commerce  
Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of Commerce

### **South Carolina**

Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce  
Berkeley Chamber  
Destination North Myrtle Beach  
Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce  
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce

### **South Dakota**

Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce

### **Tennessee**

Humboldt Chamber of Commerce  
Kingsport Chamber  
Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce

### **Texas**

Abilene Chamber of Commerce  
Alvin Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce  
Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce  
Central Fort Bend Chamber  
Dumas/Moore County Chamber of Commerce  
East Parker County Chamber of Commerce  
Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce  
Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center  
Grapevine Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Tomball Area Chamber of Commerce  
Hurst Euless Bedford (HEB) Chamber of Commerce  
Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce  
Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce  
Livingston Polk County Chamber of Commerce  
Longview TX Chamber of Commerce  
Lubbock Chamber of Commerce  
North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce  
Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce  
Richardson Chamber of Commerce

Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce

Rowlett Area Chamber & Visitors Center

Seguin (Texas) Area Chamber of  
Commerce

South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce

Temple Chamber of Commerce

Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of  
Commerce

Texas Agricultural Industries Association

Texas Association of Business

Texas Vegetation Management Association

The Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce

### **Utah**

Box Elder Chamber of Commerce

Davis Chamber of Commerce

South Salt Lake Chamber

South Valley Chamber of Commerce

St. George Area Chamber of Commerce

The Salt Lake Chamber

West Jordan Chamber of Commerce

### **Virginia**

Bull Shoals Lake White River Chamber of  
Commerce

ChamberRVA

Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce

Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

### **Washington**

Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of  
Commerce

Greater Spokane Inc

Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce

Puyallup Sumner Chamber of Commerce

Shelton-Mason Chamber of Commerce

Washington Retail Association

### **West Virginia**

West Virginia Chamber of Commerce

### **Wisconsin**

Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce

Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce

Greater Green Bay Chamber

Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce

Oregon Chamber of Commerce

Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce

Tomahawk Regional Chamber of  
Commerce

Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce

### **Wyoming**

Campbell County Chamber of Commerce

Evanston Chamber of Commerce

Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce

Rock Springs Chamber of Commerce