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April 5, 2006

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The Honorable Charles Grassley
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

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730 Hart Senate Office Building
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Dear Chairman Grassley and Senator Kyl:

JOHN CORNYN (TX)

As you know, on December 31, 2005, the R&D tax credit expired once again. An extension of a strengthened R&D credit was included as a part of the Senate-passed Tax Relief Act of 2005 and the House-passed Tax Relief Extension Act of 2005. It is imperative that this important provision be enacted as soon as possible.

ORRIN HATCH (UT)

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The members of the House and Senate have demonstrated strong support for extending and expanding the credit. Enacting a new alternative simplified credit would provide many U.S. companies with a stronger incentive for greater R&D investment in the United States.

KAY BAILEY HUTCHISON (TX)

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As conference discussions begin, we must do all we can to see that the R&D expansion as well as capital gains and dividends relief language remain in the tax reconciliation package. Expanding the R&D credit and maintaining a low tax rate on capital gains and dividends enables America to be competitive in the global marketplace, provides for development of new products and services, and helps create jobs.

JOHN THUNE (SD)

Ex Officio:

TED STEVENS (AK)
COMMERCE CMTE. CHAIRMAN

We encourage the Conference Committee to take an important step for the future of the economic growth of the United States by moving quickly to enact further the extension of a stronger credit that has been approved by both the House and the Senate.

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Sincerely,

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The block contains three handwritten signatures in blue ink. The first signature is 'John Ensign', the second is 'Conrad Burns', and the third is 'Mike Crapo'. Each signature is written over a horizontal line.

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