



September 13, 2006

The Honorable Bill Frist
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dennis Hastert
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid
Democratic Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Hastert, Leader Frist, Democratic Leaders Reid and Pelosi:

The undersigned companies represent American innovation. We are the idea generators and risk takers who want to continue investing, hiring and conducting research in the United States. The research and development tax credit (R&D credit) expired more than eight months ago. The lapse of the credit and accompanying uncertainty have increased the costs of U.S.-based R&D. As such, it is increasingly more difficult for us to commit to future high-risk, high-dollar R&D investments that would create high-wage jobs in the United States. We strongly urge you to ensure that, in September, Congress sends to the President a bill with a seamless and strengthened R&D tax credit.

The National Academies recently cautioned that “without high-quality, knowledge-intensive jobs and the innovative enterprises that lead to discovery and new technology, our economy will suffer and our people will face a lower standard of living.” Our trading partners around the globe recognize the long-term value of R&D and have moved aggressively to implement generous and permanent tax policies that attract these vital investments to their shores.

Since 1981, when the federal R&D tax credit was enacted, the U.S. government sought to encourage businesses to look to the future and invest in long-term, high-risk R&D activities in the United States. Enactment now of a vibrant R&D tax credit can help to lower the cost of those very investments that will continue to foster growth in the overall economy.

Despite strong bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate for extending and strengthening the R&D credit, Congress has yet to send such legislation to the President. Companies are forced to make critical R&D investment decisions under a cloud of uncertainty that is affecting current projects and future plans. Congress should put an end to the tax on American innovation and act swiftly to restore and strengthen the federal R&D tax credit.

Sincerely,

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The R&D Credit Coalition is a group of more than 85 trade and professional associations and more than 1,000 small, medium and large companies engaged in U.S.-based research throughout major sectors of the U.S. economy, including aerospace, agriculture, biotechnology, chemicals, electronics, energy, information technology, manufacturing, medical technology, pharmaceuticals, software and telecommunications.

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American Brush Manufacturers Association
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American Council on Education
American Foundry Society
American Gas Association
American Home Furnishings Alliance
AMT-The Association For Manufacturing
Technology
Arizona Technology Council
Arizona-New Mexico Cable Communications
Association
Associated Industries of Massachusetts
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Association of Independent Corrugated Converters
(AICC)
Association of Washington Business
Association of Woodworking & Furnishings
Suppliers
Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association
(AAIA)
Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce
Biotechnology Industry Organization
Brush Research Mfg.
Business & Industry Association of New Hampshire
Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers
Association (BIFMA) International
Business Roundtable
Business Software Alliance
California Healthcare Institute
California Manufacturers & Technology Association
Carpinteria Valley Chamber of Commerce, CA
Carson City Area Chamber of Commerce
Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County
Computing Technology Industry Association
(CompTIA)
Connecticut Technology Council
Council for Chemical Research
CSIA (Colorado's Technology Association)
CT Business and Industry Association
Cyber Security Industry Alliance
Dallas County Manufacturers' Association
Danville/Boyle County Chamber of Commerce
Eastern Technology Council
Electronic Industries Alliance (EIA)
Environmental Industry Associations
Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce
Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association
General Aviation Manufacturers Association
Georgia Industry Association
Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce
Government Electronics and Information
Technology Association
Greater Providence of RI Chamber of Commerce
Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce
Grocery Manufacturers Association
Hawaii Science & Technology Council
IEEE-USA
Illinois Chamber of Commerce
Illinois IT Association (ITA)
Illinois Manufacturers' Association
Indiana Manufacturers Association
Indiana Medical Device Manufacturers Council, Inc.
Information Technology Association of America
Information Technology Industry Council
Institute of Shortening & Edible Oils, Inc.
International Sleep Products Association
Iowa Advanced Manufacturing Coalition
Iowa Association of Business and Industry
Iowa Biotechnology Association
IPC, Association Connecting Electronics Industries
Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce
Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry
Manufacturers Association of North Texas
Manufacturing Jewelers and Suppliers of America
Mass Technology Leadership Council
Massachusetts Biotechnology Council
Medical Device Manufacturers Association
MESDA - Maine's Software & Information
Technology Industry Association
Metal Treating Institute
Michigan Manufacturers Association
Mississippi Manufacturers Association
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association
(MEMA)
NanoBusiness Alliance
National Association of Dental Laboratories
National Association of Manufacturers
National Center for Manufacturing Sciences

National Council for Advanced Manufacturing
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
National Foreign Trade Council
National Glass Association
National Marine Manufacturers Association
National Paint & Coatings Association
National Tooling and Machining Association
New Jersey Business and Industry Association
New Jersey Business Incubator Network
New Jersey Technology Council
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Newspaper Association of America
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(NCCBI)
North Carolina Technology Association
Northeast PA Manufacturers & Employers
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Northern Rhode Island Chamber of Commerce
Northern Virginia Technology Council
Open Compliance and Ethics Group
Orange Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Bureau
Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute
Pennsylvania Institute for Homeland and Defense
Technologies
Pennsylvania Institute for Patient Safety
Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public
Accountants
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of
America
Pittsburgh Technology Council
Pressure Sensitive Tape Council
Provo Orem Area Chamber of Commerce
Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association
Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce
Salt Institute
San Diego North Chamber of Commerce
San Diego Software Industry Council
San Marcos Manufacturers Association
Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce
Semiconductor Equipment and Materials
International (SEMI)
Semiconductor Industry Association
Silicon Valley Leadership Group
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Society of Glass and Ceramic Decorators
Software & Information Industry Association
Software Association of Oregon
Software Finance & Tax Executives Council
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce
South Texas Manufacturers Association
Southeastern Chamber United in Business (SECUB)
Specialty Equipment Market Association
Sterling Heights Area Chamber of Commerce
Stillwater OK Chamber of Commerce
TechNet
Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania
Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)
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Texas Alliance of Manufacturers Associations
Texas Association of Business
Texas Association of Manufacturers
The Adhesive and Sealant Council, Inc.
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The Florida IT Centers of Excellence
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The Motor and Equipment Manufacturers
Association
The National Center for Manufacturing Sciences
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The Oklahoma State Chamber
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The West Virginia Manufacturers Association
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U.S. Chamber of Commerce
United States Council for International Business
United States Telecom Association
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Utah Manufacturers Association
Utah Technology Council
Washington County Manufacturers' Association
Washington Software Alliance (WSA)
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