

**R&D Credit
Coalition**
Invest in America's Future

July 17, 2007

The Honorable John Ensign
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Ensign:

On behalf of the members of the R&D Credit Coalition, we write to offer you our congratulations upon your appointment to the Senate Finance Committee.

As you know, the R&D Credit Coalition is a group of more than 100 trade and professional associations along with small, medium and large companies that collectively represent millions of American workers 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.

The R&D tax credit has a proven history of encouraging additional investments in research and promoting U.S. based high-wage job growth. The Coalition is working to further strengthen the R&D tax credit, and to make it a permanent part of the tax law so that businesses will be able to plan and invest in U.S. – based R&D with certainty well into the future.

The Coalition enthusiastically welcomes you to the Senate Finance Committee. We appreciate your work in support of the credit through the years and we look forward to working closely with you and your staff to strengthen and extend the R&D credit this year.

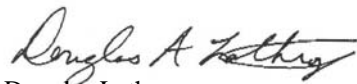
Sincerely,



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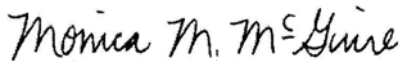
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