

With the research tax credit set to expire tomorrow, the Business Software Alliance and its members urges Congress to act quickly both to restore the credit and adopt modifications that will strengthen its incentive value.

“The R&D tax credit is crucial to the software industry. Without it, BSA member companies could not afford to continue to innovate at a pace consumers have come to expect and economies have come to rely on.

"BSA is encouraged that both the House and Senate recently approved an extension of the credit, and we urge that final legislation should also include the Senate-passed modifications that strengthen the incentive value of the R&D credit to allow more companies to perform research activities in the United States.

“If allowed to expire, the loss of the R&D credit will change the entire dynamic of innovation in our industry. Research currently underway is in jeopardy of slowing down and new innovation will most certainly be shelved when faced with an increased tax burden. Ultimately, consumers will undoubtedly bear the burden with increased costs and slower product development.

"Growth in jobs and raising America’s standard of living depend on U.S.-based investments in research and innovation. The R&D credit is critical to the ability of businesses of all sizes to make those investments in the United States, particularly when many of America’s trading partners already provide deeper R&D incentives.

"Congress must act quickly to restore and strengthen this important tax credit."

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