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COALITION URGES CONGRESS TO FINISH ITS WORK
Restore and Strengthen the R&D Tax Credit

WASHINGTON, D.C., November 14, 2006 – The R&D Credit Coalition, an organization representing thousands of businesses engaged in U.S.-based research and development activities, today released the following statement.

The number one priority of the R&D Credit Coalition remains the prompt enactment of a seamless multiyear extension of the strengthened Research and Development (R&D) tax credit. The credit expired on December 31, 2005. Despite bipartisan Congressional support, and repeated attempts to restore the credit throughout 2006, the extension of a seamless, strengthened R&D credit still has not been enacted into law.

Companies have been forced to make critical U.S. R&D investment and hiring decisions under a cloud of uncertainty regarding the short- and long-term stability of this vital tax incentive. A seamless and strong multiyear R&D credit should be signed into law before year end in order to continue to have a positive impact on jobs and investment in the United States. Many foreign jurisdictions continue to offer significant tax incentives to lure this investment offshore. The 109th Congress must address this critical piece of unfinished business.

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