

Identical letter sent to House and Senate Leadership and Chief Congressional Tax Writers, with copies to all members of the Senate and House of Representatives.

September 14, 2004

The Honorable George W. Bush  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear President Bush:

The undersigned 413 companies and trade associations, representing tens of millions of employees from a broad range of small, medium and large businesses throughout our nation, respectfully urge your support for immediate action on a final agreement reconciling the House-passed "American Jobs Creation Act of 2004" and the Senate-passed "Jumpstart Our Business Strength (JOBS) Act of 2004". These bills, which include repeal of the current law "FSC/ETI" regime, will bring the United States into compliance with its World Trade Organization's obligations and bring a halt to the continuing assessment of tariffs by the EU on many U.S. exports. A speedy conference and enactment of this vital legislation are critical and should be a priority of both the Administration and the Congress before the November elections.

Both bills also focus on many needed tax reforms and other incentives that will improve the competitive position of U.S. companies and encourage and enable job creation in the United States. This legislation contains permanent relief for manufacturers, reforms to the international tax provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, a temporary incentive for the repatriation of foreign earnings for investment in the United States, extension and modification of the research tax credit and other critical provisions.

While the U.S. economy continues to recover, a number of obstacles remain, including ongoing terrorists' threats, steadily rising oil prices and increased interest rates. Both the House and the Senate bills will help ensure that economic and employment gains continue at a strong pace. It is imperative that you act now to enact this critical legislation into law.

Respectfully,

3M  
A. O. Smith Corporation  
ABB, Inc.  
Abbott Laboratories  
Adobe  
Acme Brick Company

Acro Automation Systems, Inc.  
Ag Processing Inc  
Agilent Technologies, Inc.  
Agriculture Ocean Transportation Coalition  
Ahaus Tool and Engineering, Inc.  
Air-Conditioning & Refrigeration Institute

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Akzo Nobel Services Inc.  
Alcatel  
Albemarle Corporation  
Alcoa Inc.  
Allegheny Energy, Inc.  
Allegheny Technologies Incorporated  
Allen-Edmonds Shoe Corporation  
Alliant Energy Corporation  
Alpharma Inc.  
Altacor Inc.  
American Apparel & Footwear Association  
American Architectural Manufacturers Association  
American Biodiesel Board  
American Chemistry Council  
American Council for Capital Formation  
American Council of Life Insurers  
American Electric Power Company, Inc.  
American Electronics Association (AEA)  
American Express Company  
American Forest & Paper Association  
American Forest Resource Council  
American Soybean Association  
Amgen Inc.  
AMPM Environmental Services  
Amren Biosolutions Inc.  
AMT–Association For Manufacturing Technology  
Apple Computer, Inc.  
Arch Coal, Inc.  
Architectural Support Group, Inc.  
Associated Equipment Distributors, Inc.  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Associated Industries of Massachusetts  
Association for Advanced Life Underwriting  
Association for Financial Professionals  
Association of American Railroads  
Association of Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.  
Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
AT&T Corp.  
Attachmate Corporation  
Avaya, Inc.  
Avista Corp.  
Ball Corporation  
BASF Corporation  
Barrick Gold Corporation of North America  
Bausch & Lomb  
Bayer Corporation  
Behlen Mfg. Co.  
Belmont Metals Inc.  
BioEnergy Supply, LLC  
Biogen Idec Inc.  
Biotechnology Industry Organization  
Bishop-Wisecarver Corporation  
BiState Development Agency  
BMC Software, Inc  
Boise Cascade Corporation  
Borealis Compounds LLC  
Boston Scientific Corporaton  
Bouffard Metal Goods  
Bristol-Myers Squibb Company  
Broaching Machine Specialties Co.  
Business Roundtable  
Cadence Designs Systems, Inc.  
California Healthcare Institute  
Campbell Soup Company  
Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CP)  
Cardone Industries  
Cargill, Incorporated  
Cascade Microtech, Inc.  
Case New Holland  
Caterpillar Inc.  
Cattron Group Inc.  
Chemstar Products Company  
Cherryback Flooring, Inc.  
Chiron Corporation  
Cisco Systems, Inc.  
Citigroup  
CLARKWORKS  
Clarity Visual Systems, Inc.  
Click Bond, Inc.  
Club Biodiesel of Portland, Oregon  
CMS Energy  
CN  
Coalition of New England Companies for Trade (CONNECT)  
Coalition of Service Industries  
Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc.  
Columbia Plateau Clean Cities Coalition  
Columbia River Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association

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Composite Can & Tube Institute  
Computer Sciences Corporation  
ConAgra Foods, Inc.  
Coors Brewing Company  
Corning, Inc.  
Crestview Aerospace Corporation  
CSX Corporation  
CU Biodiesel  
Cumberland Lumber & Mfg. Co., Inc.  
Cummins Inc.  
CUNA Mutual Group  
Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association  
of Northern California  
Customs Brokers & International Freight  
Forwarders Association of Washington State  
DaimlerChrysler Corporation  
Dean Foods Company  
Deere & Company  
Dell  
Delphi Corporation  
Denford Inc.  
Denver Difference Energy  
DistributionDrive  
Domestic Petroleum Council  
Dominion  
Dover Corporation  
DTE Energy  
DuPont Photomasks, Inc.  
DynamicCity Metronet Advisors, Inc.  
Eastman Chemical Company  
Eastman Kodak Company  
Eaton Corporation  
Ecolab Inc.  
Ecological Blenders LLC  
Edison Electric Institute  
EDS  
Electrolux North America Inc.  
Eli Lilly and Company  
EMC Corporation  
EMERSON  
Enbridge Energy Company, Inc.  
Environmental Energy Technologies  
Division  
Envirosol, Inc.  
Esterline Technologies Corporation and  
Subsidiaries

Exelon Corporation  
ExxonMobil  
Fandango Collection & Recycling LTD  
FedEx Corporation  
Financial Executives International Tax  
Committee  
FirstEnergy Corp.  
Flow International Corp.  
FMC Technologies, Inc.  
Ford Motor Company  
Forest Landowners Association  
Forest Landowners Tax Council  
FPL Group  
Frequency Devices, Inc.  
Fresenius Medical Care of North America  
Genentech, Inc.  
General Aviation Manufacturers Association  
General Electric Company  
General Motors Corporation  
Genesee & Wyoming Inc.  
Georgia-Pacific Corporation  
Geothermal Energy Association  
Giddings & Lewis LLC  
GlaxoSmithKline  
Gleason Corporation  
Guardian Industries Corp.  
Guidant Corporation  
Gulf Kist Producers, Inc.  
H2 Solutions Inc.  
Haas Automation, Inc.  
Hale Hatton Pllc  
Harley-Davidson Motor Company  
Hawaii Technology Trade Association  
Henkel Corporation  
Hewlett-Packard Company  
Hialeah Metal Spinning, Inc.  
Homestead Inc.  
Honeywell  
Hormel Foods Corporation  
Huffman Corporation  
Human Genome Sciences, Inc.  
Hutchinson Technology  
Hydrite Chemical Company  
Hydrocarbon Resource Recovery  
ICI Group Services  
IMC Global Inc.

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IMPCO Machine Tools  
IMS Health Incorporated  
Industrial Fasteners Institute (IFI)  
Industrial Truck Association  
Infineon Technologies North America Corp.  
Information Technology Association of America (ITAA)  
Information Technology Institute (ITI)  
Inofast Manufacturing Inc.  
Intel Corporation  
International Business Machines Corp.  
International Council of Shopping Centers  
International Paper Company  
International Speedway Corporation  
Internet Security Systems, Inc.  
Intersil Corporation  
IPC – Association Connecting Electronics Industries  
Johnson & Johnson  
K&S Enterprises  
Kansas City Southern  
Kent County, Delaware Department of Public Works  
Kitchen Brothers Manufacturing Company  
Liberty Precision Industries  
Land Rover Ranch  
Longview Fiber Company  
Los Angeles Customs & Freight Brokers Association  
Lost Shirt Cattle Company  
M & W Contractors Inc  
Mars, Inc.  
MassMutual Financial Group  
Maytag Corporation  
MDU Resources Group, Inc.  
MeadWestvaco Corporation  
Mechanical Industries, Inc.  
Medtronic, Inc.  
Merck & Co., Inc.  
MidAmerican Energy Holdings Company  
Mid-Atlantic Biodiesel Company, LLC.  
Middlepoint Biodiesel  
Mid-States Biodiesel, LLC  
Milltronics Manufacturing Company  
Minnesota Agri-Growth Council  
Mississippi Forestry Association  
Miyano Machinery Inc.  
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Assn.  
MTD Products Inc.  
NACCO Industries, Inc.  
NACCO Materials Handling Group, Inc.  
NAREIT  
National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Biodiesel Board  
National Electrical Manufacturers Assn.  
National Grid  
National Gypsum Company  
National Hardwood Lumber Association  
National Semiconductor Corporation  
Neenah Brass & Aluminum Foundry  
Nestle USA, Inc.  
New Jersey Technical Council  
New York Life Insurance Company  
Niagara Frontier Equipment Sales Inc.  
Nike, Inc.  
Non-Ferrous Founders' Society  
Norfolk Southern Corporation  
Northeast PA Manufacturers and Employers Association  
Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company  
Novartis  
Novo Nordisk Pharmaceuticals, Inc.  
Nuclear Energy Institute  
Oakridge Consulting, LLC  
OGE Energy Corporation  
Ohio Alliance for International Trade  
Okuma America Corporation (OAC)  
Oracle Corporation  
Organization for International Investment  
Osbourne Industries Inc.  
Owens Corning  
Pacific Biofuel, Inc.  
Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Associations  
PacifiCorp  
Pacific Northwest Asia Shippers Association  
Panel-Tech Industries, LLC  
Paper Converting Machine Company  
Parlec, Inc.

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Pearson Inc.  
PeopleSoft, Inc.  
PepsiCo, Inc.  
Perennial Bio Fuels Industry  
Perlick Corporation  
Pfizer Inc  
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA)  
Plum Creek Timber Company, Inc.  
PPM Energy  
Portland General Electric  
Praxair, Inc.  
Precision Machined Products Association  
Pressure Sensitive Tape Council  
Primal Digital, LLC  
Principal Financial Group, Inc.  
Process Equipment Company  
Progress Energy, Inc.  
PTL Manufacturing, Inc.  
Public Service Company of New Mexico  
Pupil Transportation Operation and Management Information  
Pure Planet Products  
Radix Wire Company  
RailAmerica  
Rayonier Inc.  
Reebok International Ltd.  
Reed Elsevier Inc.  
R. L. Stroup Co. Ltd  
Renewable Fuels Association  
Robert Bosch Corporation  
Rolls-Royce North America  
Ross Technology Corporation  
Royal Products-Division of Curran Mfg. Corp.  
Ryder System, Inc.  
Saint-Gobain Corporation  
Salt Lake Clean Cities Coalition  
San Diego District Customs Brokers Assn.  
SAP America, Inc.  
Sappi Fine Paper North America  
Sara Lee Corporation  
Schering-Plough Corporation  
Secure Care Products, Inc.  
Semiconductor Equipment and Materials International (SEMI)  
Semiconductor Industry Association  
Silver Users Association  
SMC Business Councils  
Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation  
Software and Information Technology of Iowa  
Software Finance and Tax Executives Council (SoFTEC)  
Solara Energy, Inc.  
Sony Corporation of America  
Southern Forest Products Association  
Southwest Area Manufacturers Association  
Speakman Company  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Spunecast, Inc.  
Square D Company  
Starkey Laboratories, Inc.  
Stora Enso Communications of North America  
Sturtevant, Inc.  
Sun Microsystems, Inc.  
Sunnyside Corporation  
Sunoco, Inc.  
Sustainable Systems, Inc.  
Swan Engineering & Machine Co.  
Symantec Corporation  
Synopsis, Inc.  
Teco Energy, Inc.  
Temple-Inland Inc.  
Texas Association of Business  
Texas Forestry Association  
Texas Instruments Incorporated  
Textron Inc.  
The Aluminum Association, Inc.  
The American Council of Engineering Companies  
The American Gas Association  
The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC)  
The Boeing Company  
The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company  
The Coca-Cola Company  
The Democrat Tribune  
The Dow Chemical Company  
The Empire District Electric Company

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The Environmental Design & Resource Center, LLC.  
The Financial Services Roundtable  
The Fisher-Churchill Company  
The Getup Exchange  
The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company  
The Interstate Companies  
The Lincoln Electric Company  
The Master Products Co.  
The National Grange of the Order of Patrons of Husbandry  
The New Jersey Higher Education Partnership for Sustainability  
The Pacific Northwest International Trade Association  
The Procter & Gamble Company  
The Technology Network - TechNet  
The Timken Company  
The Walt Disney Company  
Time Warner Inc.  
Todd & Sargent, Inc.  
Tomkins Corp  
Toys "R" Us, Inc.  
Travel Goods Association  
Treated Wood Council  
Trilogy Software, Inc.  
Trimble Navigation Limited  
Trinity Industries, Inc.  
Tru-Kay Manufacturing Company  
Truelove & Maclean, Inc.  
Turbo Lubricants Inc.  
Tyson Foods, Inc.  
Unicorr Packaging Group  
Union Pacific Railroad Company

United States Council for International Business (USCIB)  
United States Telecom Association  
United Technologies Corporation  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
USA Biomass Power Producers Alliance  
USA Dry Pea and Lentil Council  
VERITAS Software Corporation  
Verizon  
Virginia Forestry Association  
Voss Industries, Inc  
VNU, Inc.  
Walnut Hollow Farm, Inc.  
Washington Software Alliance  
Waste Equipment Technology Association  
Weldon Solutions  
West Central Cooperative  
West Virginia Manufacturers Association  
Westside Finishing Company, Inc.  
Weyerhaeuser Company  
Wheeling-Nisshin, Inc.  
Winter, Bell Co.  
Wisconsin Aluminum Foundry Co., Inc.  
Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (WI DATCP)  
Wise Metals Group LLC  
Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America  
World Energy Alternatives, LLC  
WR Case Cutlery  
Wyeth  
Xcel Energy Inc.  
Xilinx, Inc.  
Zippo Manufacturing Company

cc: All Members of the United States Senate and House of Representatives