

June 17, 2020

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

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Majority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Kevin McCarthy  
Minority Leader  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
Minority Leader  
U.S. Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leaders McConnell, Schumer, and McCarthy:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write to express our strong support for H.R. 6776, the “JOBS Credit Act of 2020” and to ask that it be included in a future legislative package addressing COVID-19 and the economic harm caused by the pandemic. The bipartisan bill, introduced on May 8, 2020, by Representative Stephanie Murphy along with original cosponsors Representatives John Katko, Suzan DelBene, Brian Fitzpatrick and Chris Pappas, would expand upon the Employee Retention Credit (ERTC). The ERTC was enacted as part of the CARES Act to provide businesses with a financial incentive to keep employees on the payroll where business operations were fully or partially suspended due to a COVID-19 related closing orders, through no fault of their own, or where a company’s gross receipts significantly declined compared to the same quarter last year.

If enacted, the bill would enhance the ERTC in the following ways:

- Increase the credit to 80% from 50% ;
- Increase the wage base to \$15,000/quarter for up to three quarters from \$10,000/year;
- Ease the qualifying rules for revenue decline;
- Include health benefits in the definition of qualified wages; and
- Allow businesses that receive a Paycheck Protection Program loan to qualify for the credit.

While we are encouraged that the country is in the early phases of reopening the economy, demand for products and services may not rebound for years. Therefore, an expansion of the Employee Retention Tax Credit is warranted so that companies can continue to retain employees and pay their healthcare benefits until more robust consumer spending returns. In closing, the enhancements to the credit contained in H.R. 6776 will help our businesses and their employees even more and we ask that it be included in future legislation enacted to address the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

Aeronautical Repair Station Association  
AICC, The Independent Packaging Association

American Apparel & Footwear Association  
American Beverage Licensees  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Dental Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation  
American Frozen Food Institute  
American Gaming Association  
American Home Furnishings Alliance  
American Hotel and Lodging Association  
American Institute of Architects  
American Lighting Association  
American Mold Builders Association  
American Rental Association  
American Society of Travel Advisors  
American Subcontractors Association  
American Supply Association  
American Veterinary Medical Association  
Asian American Hotel Owners Association  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Association for Hose and Accessories Distribution  
Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industry  
Auto Care Association  
Building Owners and Managers Association  
CCIM Institute  
Chemical Fabrics & Film Association  
Coalition of Franchisee Associations  
Commercial Food Equipment Service Association Inc.  
Construction Industry Round Table  
Convenience Distribution Association  
Eastern States Hospitality Coalition  
Electronics Representatives Association  
Equipment Marketing & Distribution Association  
Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association  
Franchise Business Services  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Golf Course Superintendents Association of America  
Heating, Air-conditioning, & Refrigeration Distributors International  
Independent Bakers Association  
Independent Community Bankers of America  
Independent Electrical Contractors  
Institute of Real Estate Management  
International Association of Plastics Distribution  
International Foodservice Distributors Association  
International Franchise Association

International Housewares Association  
International Council of Shopping Centers  
Irrigation Association  
ISSA – The Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association  
Main Street Alliance  
Manufactured Housing Institute  
Metals Service Center Institute  
National Association for the Self-Employed  
National Association of Chemical Distributors  
National Association of Electrical Distributors  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Professional Insurance Agents  
National Association of REALTORS®  
National Association of the Remodeling Industry  
National Association of Theatre Owners  
National Association of Trailer Manufacturers  
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors  
National Association of Women Business Owners  
National Automatic Merchandising Association  
National Automobile Dealers Association  
National Beer Wholesalers Association  
National Club Association  
National Community Pharmacists Association  
National Confectioners Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Chain Restaurants  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
National Electrical Manufacturers Representatives Association  
National Employment Opportunity Network  
National Federation of Independent Business  
National Fisheries Institute  
National Franchisee Association  
National Independent Automobile Dealers Association  
National LGBT Chamber of Commerce  
National Marine Distributors Association  
National Mining Association  
National Propane Gas Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Restaurant Association  
National Retail Federation  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National RV Dealers Association  
National Small Business Association  
National Tooling and Machining Association  
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers  
North American Die Casting Association

Outdoor Industry Association  
Outdoor Power Equipment and Engine Service Association  
Pet Industry Distributors Association  
Petroleum Equipment Institute  
Petroleum Marketers Association of America  
Polyisocyanurate Insulation Manufacturers Association  
Precision Machined Products Association  
Precision Metalforming Association  
Professional Beauty Association  
Promotional Products Association International  
Retail Industry Leaders Association  
Secondary Materials and Recycled Textiles Association  
Security Hardware Distributors Association  
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council  
Small Business Council of America  
Small Business Legislative Council  
Small Business Majority  
Small Business Roundtable  
Society of Collision Repair Specialists  
Society of Industrial and Office REALTORS®  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance  
SPRI  
The Association For Manufacturing Technology  
The Institute of Internal Auditors  
The Real Estate Roundtable  
Tile Roofing Industry Alliance  
Tire Industry Association  
Transportation Intermediaries Association  
Travel Goods Association  
Travel Technology Association  
U.S. Travel Association  
United Fresh Produce Association  
Washington Retail Association  
Wholesale Florist and Florist Supplier Association  
Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America