



September 13, 2006

The Honorable Bill Frist  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Dennis Hastert  
Speaker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Harry Reid  
Democratic Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

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

Dear Speaker Hastert, Leader Frist, Democratic Leaders Reid and Pelosi:

The undersigned companies represent American innovation. We are the idea generators and risk takers who want to continue investing, hiring and conducting research in the United States. The research and development tax credit (R&D credit) expired more than eight months ago. The lapse of the credit and accompanying uncertainty have increased the costs of U.S.-based R&D. As such, it is increasingly more difficult for us to commit to future high-risk, high-dollar R&D investments that would create high-wage jobs in the United States. We strongly urge you to ensure that, in September, Congress sends to the President a bill with a seamless and strengthened R&D tax credit.

The National Academies recently cautioned that “without high-quality, knowledge-intensive jobs and the innovative enterprises that lead to discovery and new technology, our economy will suffer and our people will face a lower standard of living.” Our trading partners around the globe recognize the long-term value of R&D and have moved aggressively to implement generous and permanent tax policies that attract these vital investments to their shores.

Since 1981, when the federal R&D tax credit was enacted, the U.S. government sought to encourage businesses to look to the future and invest in long-term, high-risk R&D activities in the United States. Enactment now of a vibrant R&D tax credit can help to lower the cost of those very investments that will continue to foster growth in the overall economy.

Despite strong bipartisan support in both the House and the Senate for extending and strengthening the R&D credit, Congress has yet to send such legislation to the President. Companies are forced to make critical R&D investment decisions under a cloud of uncertainty that is affecting current projects and future plans. Congress should put an end to the tax on American innovation and act swiftly to restore and strengthen the federal R&D tax credit.

Sincerely,

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The R&D Credit Coalition is a group of more than 85 trade and professional associations and more than 1,000 small, medium and large companies 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.

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Air Conditioning Contractors of America  
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American Boiler Manufacturers Association  
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American Council on Education  
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AMT-The Association For Manufacturing  
Technology  
Arizona Technology Council  
Arizona-New Mexico Cable Communications  
Association  
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Association of Equipment Manufacturers  
Association of Independent Corrugated Converters  
(AICC)  
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Suppliers  
Automotive Aftermarket Industry Association  
(AAIA)  
Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce  
Biotechnology Industry Organization  
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Business and Institutional Furniture Manufacturers  
Association (BIFMA) International  
Business Roundtable  
Business Software Alliance  
California Healthcare Institute  
California Manufacturers & Technology Association  
Carpinteria Valley Chamber of Commerce, CA  
Carson City Area Chamber of Commerce  
Chamber of Business & Industry of Centre County  
Computing Technology Industry Association  
(CompTIA)  
Connecticut Technology Council  
Council for Chemical Research  
CSIA (Colorado's Technology Association)  
CT Business and Industry Association  
Cyber Security Industry Alliance  
Dallas County Manufacturers' Association  
Danville/Boyle County Chamber of Commerce  
Eastern Technology Council  
Electronic Industries Alliance (EIA)  
Environmental Industry Associations  
Flagstaff Chamber of Commerce  
Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association  
General Aviation Manufacturers Association  
Georgia Industry Association  
Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Providence of RI Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce  
Grocery Manufacturers Association  
IEEE-USA  
Illinois Chamber of Commerce  
Illinois IT Association (ITA)  
Illinois Manufacturers' Association  
Indiana Manufacturers Association  
Indiana Medical Device Manufacturers Council, Inc.  
Information Technology Association of America  
Information Technology Industry Council  
Institute of Shortening & Edible Oils, Inc.  
International Sleep Products Association  
Iowa Advanced Manufacturing Coalition  
Iowa Association of Business and Industry  
Iowa Biotechnology Association  
IPC, Association Connecting Electronics Industries  
Kalispell Area Chamber of Commerce  
Kentucky Chamber of Commerce  
Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce  
Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce  
Louisiana Association of Business and Industry  
Manufacturers Association of North Texas  
Manufacturing Jewelers and Suppliers of America  
Mass Technology Leadership Council  
Massachusetts Biotechnology Council  
Medical Device Manufacturers Association  
MESDA - Maine's Software & Information  
Technology Industry Association  
Metal Treating Institute  
Michigan Manufacturers Association  
Mississippi Manufacturers Association  
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(MEMA)  
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National Glass Association

National Marine Manufacturers Association  
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National Tooling and Machining Association  
New Jersey Business and Industry Association  
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New Jersey Technology Council  
New York Software Industry Association (NYSIA)  
Newspaper Association of America  
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North Carolina Technology Association  
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Northern Virginia Technology Council  
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Packaging Machinery Manufacturers Institute  
Pennsylvania Institute for Homeland and Defense  
Technologies  
Pennsylvania Institute for Patient Safety  
Pennsylvania Institute of Certified Public  
Accountants  
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of  
America  
Pittsburgh Technology Council  
Pressure Sensitive Tape Council  
Provo Orem Area Chamber of Commerce  
Puerto Rico Manufacturers Association  
Roanoke Regional Chamber of Commerce  
Salt Institute  
San Diego North Chamber of Commerce  
San Diego Software Industry Council  
San Marcos Manufacturers Association  
Scottsdale Area Chamber of Commerce  
Semiconductor Equipment and Materials  
International (SEMI)  
Semiconductor Industry Association  
Silicon Valley Leadership Group  
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Society of Glass and Ceramic Decorators  
Software & Information Industry Association  
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Software Finance & Tax Executives Council  
South Carolina Chamber of Commerce  
Southeastern Chamber United in Business (SECUB)  
Specialty Equipment Market Association  
Sterling Heights Area Chamber of Commerce  
Stillwater OK Chamber of Commerce  
TechNet  
Technology Council of Central Pennsylvania  
Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA)  
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Texas Alliance of Manufacturers Associations  
Texas Association of Business  
Texas Association of Manufacturers  
The Adhesive and Sealant Council, Inc.  
The Aluminum Association  
The Florida IT Centers of Excellence  
The Institute of Makers of Explosives  
The Motor and Equipment Manufacturers  
Association  
The National Center for Manufacturing Sciences  
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The Oklahoma State Chamber  
The Refractories Institute  
The Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.  
The West Virginia Manufacturers Association  
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United States Council for International Business  
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Utah Manufacturers Association  
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Washington Software Alliance (WSA)  
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## Companies

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TeleCommunication Systems, Inc.  
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Telular Corporation  
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Textron Inc.  
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UV III Systems, Inc.  
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Valid Technologies  
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