

November 19, 2021

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS:

As we recover from the economic shock of the COVID-19 pandemic, businesses across the nation face significant headwinds, including a worker shortage crisis, massive supply chain disruptions, and the highest inflation in more than a generation. We need Congress focused on helping address these problems. Unfortunately, the so-called “Build Back Better” reconciliation bill that is currently under consideration would add to rather than reduce the challenges confronting America’s employers.

Economic experts agree that the initial spending and transfer payments will add to near-term inflationary pressures, further harming American families and businesses who are already suffering from higher prices on everything from food to energy. The proposed tax increases, including a new corporate minimum tax on book income, a new tax on stock buybacks, and tax increases on U.S. business income earned abroad, will harm the recovery and hamstring America as we work to compete globally, especially with China. The pharmaceutical price controls could result in fewer drugs being introduced to the U.S. market in the coming decades. America may miss out on the next vaccine or treatment for the next pandemic because of these short-sighted policies. Anti-energy provisions in the bill would increase the cost of energy for all Americans and could lead to energy supply shortages and power outages while prices are already the highest in a decade, squander domestic energy security, and threaten the supply chain for clean energy technologies. The bill would also overturn nearly 90 years of labor law to tilt the playing field in favor of unions by threatening employers of all sizes with bankruptcy-inducing civil penalties that do not exist in current law. Finally, because of various budget gimmicks, including sunseting new programs, in some cases after only one year, the true cost of the proposed bill is significantly higher than the nearly \$2 trillion that is advertised.

We urge you to oppose the reconciliation bill as currently drafted and instead turn your attention to addressing the challenges holding back our economic recovery.

Sincerely,

National

Agricultural Retailers Association

American Home Furnishings Alliance

Associated Equipment Distributors

Associated Wire Rope Fabricators

Brick Industry Association

Decorative Hardwoods Association

Energy Marketers of America

Food Industry Association

Independent Petroleum Association of America

International Franchise Association

Metals Service Center Institute

National Association of the Remodeling Industry

National Independent Automobile Dealers Association

National Mining Association

National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

National Waste Recycling Association

North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

U.S.A. Minority Chamber of Commerce

Valve Manufacturers Association of America

Alabama

Alabama Tire Dealers Association

Automotive Aftermarket Association Southeast, Inc.

Coastal Alabama Business Chamber

East Alabama Chamber of Commerce

Enterprise Chamber of Commerce

Opelika Chamber of Commerce

Pell City Chamber of Commerce

Prattville Area Chamber of Commerce

Selma and Dallas County Chamber of Commerce and Tourism Information

Alaska

Alaska Chamber

Arizona

Arizona Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Arizona Peoria Chamber of Commerce

Buckeye Valley Chamber of Commerce

Bullhead Area Chamber of Commerce

Carefree Cave Creek Chamber of Commerce

Chandler Chamber of Commerce

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Green Valley Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center

Greater Oro Valley Chamber

Greater Phoenix Chamber

Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce

Lake Havasu Area Chamber of Commerce

Mesa Chamber of Commerce

Nogales-Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce

Peoria Chamber of Commerce

Prescott Valley Chamber of Commerce

Springerville-Eagar Regional Chamber of Commerce

Surprise Regional Chamber of Commerce

Tempe Chamber of Commerce

Arkansas

Arkansas Chamber of
Commerce/Associated Industries of
Arkansas

Harrison Regional Chamber of Commerce

Little Rock Regional Chamber of
Commerce

Phillips County Chamber of Commerce

Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce

Rogers-Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce

California

Beaumont Chamber of Commerce

Brea Chamber of Commerce

Buellton Business Association / Buellton
Chamber of Commerce

California Business Roundtable

California Chamber of Commerce

Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce

Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce

Danville Area Chamber of Commerce

El Dorado County Chamber of Commerce

Elk Grove Chamber of Commerce

Fresno Chamber of Commerce

Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce

Gateway Chambers Alliance

Glendora Chamber

Greater Bakersfield Chamber

Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of
Commerce

Greater Irvine Chamber of Commerce

Laguna Beach Chamber of Commerce

Laguna Niguel Chamber of Commerce

Lake Elsinore Valley Chamber of
Commerce

Lompoc Valley Chamber of Commerce

Modesto Chamber of Commerce

Norco Area Chamber of Commerce

North San Diego Business Chamber

Oceanside Chamber of Commerce

Orange County Business Council

Ramona Chamber of Commerce

Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

San Juan Capistrano Chamber of Commerce

Santa Fe Springs Chamber of Commerce

The Long Beach Area Chamber of
Commerce

Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce

Tulare Chamber of Commerce

Colorado

Cherry Creek Chamber of Commerce

Colorado Chamber of Commerce

Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce

Greater Brighton Chamber of Commerce
Tourism Bureau

Northwest Douglas County Chamber EDC

The Colorado Chamber of Commerce

Westminster Chamber of Commerce

Florida

AMPLIFY Clearwater

Daytona Regional Chamber of Commerce

Florida Chamber of Commerce

Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce

Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce

Jackson County Chamber of Commerce

North Port Area Chamber of Commerce

Southeast Volusia Chamber of Commerce

Umatilla Chamber of Commerce

Georgia

Barrow County Chamber of Commerce

Cobb Chamber

Donalsonville-Seminole Co. Chamber of
Commerce and Development Authority of
Seminole Co. and Donalsonville

Greene County Chamber of Commerce

Robins Regional Chamber

Guam

Guam Chamber of Commerce

Hawaii

China Hawaii Chamber of Commerce

Idaho

Boise Metro Chamber

Caldwell Chamber of Commerce

Far West Agribusiness Association

Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce

Idaho Association of Commerce and
Industry

Illinois

Bolingbrook Area Chamber of Commerce

Edwardsville/Glen Carbon Chamber of
Commerce

GLMV Chamber of Commerce

Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce, Inc.

Jacksonville Area Chamber of Commerce

Manteno Chamber of Commerce

Western DuPage Chamber of Commerce

Indiana

Avon Chamber of Commerce

Crossroads Regional Chamber of Commerce

Greater Lafayette Commerce

Greater Lawrence Chamber of Commerce

Indiana Chamber of Commerce

Nappanee Area Chamber of Commerce

South Bend Regional Chamber

Spencer County Regional Chamber of
Commerce

The Regional Chamber of Northeast Indiana

Wayne County Area Chamber of Commerce

Iowa

Council Bluffs Area Chamber of Commerce

Greater Burlington Partnership

Greater Franklin County Chamber of
Commerce

Iowa Association of Business and Industry

Madison County Chamber of Commerce

Mason City Area Chamber of Commerce

Spencer Chamber

Kansas

Derby Chamber of Commerce

Overland Park Chamber of Commerce

Wichita Regional Chamber of Commerce

Kentucky

Commerce Lexington

Greater Louisville Inc. -The Metro Chamber
of Commerce

Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

Springfield Washington County Chamber of
Commerce

Louisiana

Baton Rouge Area Chamber

Bossier Chamber of Commerce

Central Louisiana Regional Chamber of
Commerce

Louisiana Agricultural Industries
Association

Louisiana Association of Business and
Industry

Maryland

Carroll County Chamber of Commerce

Central Maryland Chamber of Commerce

Dorchester Chamber of Commerce, INC

Frederick County Chamber of Commerce

Harford County Chamber of Commerce

Howard County Chamber

Maryland Chamber of Commerce

Salisbury Area Chamber of Commerce

Washington County Chamber of Commerce

Michigan

Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce

Bay Area Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Commerce of Fremont
Michigan

Holly Area Chamber of Commerce

Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce

Michigan Chamber of Commerce

Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce

Southwest Michigan Regional Chamber

Minnesota

Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce

Austin Area Chamber of Commerce

Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce

Eden Prairie Chamber of Commerce

Fairmont Area Chamber of Commerce

Greater Stillwater Chamber of Commerce

Marshall Area Chamber of Commerce

Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Minnesota Crop Production Retailers

Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce

Winona Area Chamber of Commerce

Mississippi

Mississippi Economic Council - The State
Chamber

Missouri

Greater St. Charles County Chamber of
Commerce

Missouri Chamber of Commerce and
Industry

The Greater West Plains Area Chamber of
Commerce

Montana

Baker Chamber of Commerce Agriculture

Billings Chamber of Commerce

Great Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

Lewistown Area Chamber of Commerce

Montana Chamber of Commerce

Nebraska

Kearney Area Chamber

Nebraska Chamber of Commerce Industry

North Platte Area Chamber Development
Corporation

Ogallala/Keith County Chamber of
Commerce

Washington County Chamber of Commerce

Nevada

Carson City Chamber of Commerce

Corning Area Chamber of Commerce

Henderson Chamber of Commerce

Laughlin Chamber of Commerce

Pahrump Valley Chamber of Commerce

Vegas Chamber

New York

Capital Region Chamber

Garden City NY Chamber of Commerce

North Carolina

Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce

Caldwell Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of Hickory Nut Gorge

Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce

NC Chamber

North Dakota

Fargo Moorhead West Fargo Chamber of Commerce

Greater North Dakota Chamber

Minot Area Chamber EDC

The Chamber Grand Forks / East Grand Forks

Ohio

Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

Erie County Chamber of Commerce

Fostoria Chamber of Commerce

Lima Allen County Chamber of Commerce

Little Miami River Chamber Alliance

Madisonville Business Chamber

Mariemont Area Chamber of Commerce

Mason Deerfield Chamber

Shawnee Hills Area Chamber of Commerce

Sidney-Shelby County Chamber of Commerce

Springdale Chamber of Commerce

St. Marys Area Chamber of Commerce

Streetsboro Area Chamber of Commerce

Oklahoma

Broken Arrow Chamber of Commerce

Claremore Area Chamber of Commerce

Edmond Area Chamber of Commerce

Poteau Chamber of Commerce

The State Chamber of Oklahoma

Tulsa Regional Chamber

Oregon

Albany Area Chamber

Boardman Chamber of Commerce

McMinnville Chamber

Oregon Business Industry

Pendleton Chamber of Commerce

Roseburg Area Chamber of Commerce

Salem Area Chamber of Commerce

Stayton Sublimity Chamber of Commerce

Pennsylvania

Clarion Area Chamber of Business
Industry

Columbia Montour Chamber of Commerce

Erie Regional Chamber and Growth
Partnership

Exton Region Chamber of Commerce

Greater Latrobe-Laurel Valley Regional
Chamber of Commerce

Greater Reading Chamber Alliance

Hanover Area Chamber of Commerce

Harrisburg Regional Chamber CREDC

Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce

Juniata River Valley Chamber of Commerce

Lancaster Chamber

Pennsylvania Chamber of Business and
Industry

Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association

Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce

Southern Chester County Chamber of
Commerce

Western Chester County Chamber of
Commerce

Westmoreland County Chamber of
Commerce

Williamsport/Lycoming Chamber of
Commerce

South Carolina

Anderson Area Chamber of Commerce

Berkeley Chamber

Destination North Myrtle Beach

Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of
Commerce

South Carolina Chamber of Commerce

South Dakota

Greater Sioux Falls Chamber of Commerce

Tennessee

Humboldt Chamber of Commerce

Kingsport Chamber

Lawrence County Chamber of Commerce

Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and
Industry

Texas

Abilene Chamber of Commerce

Alvin Manvel Area Chamber of Commerce

Cedar Park Chamber of Commerce

Central Fort Bend Chamber

Dumas/Moore County Chamber of
Commerce

East Parker County Chamber of Commerce

Fulshear Katy Area Chamber of Commerce

Gonzales Chamber of Commerce and
Visitor Center

Grapevine Chamber of Commerce

Greater Angleton Chamber of Commerce

Greater Arlington Chamber of Commerce

Greater Killeen Chamber of Commerce

Greater Tomball Area Chamber of
Commerce

Hurst Eules Bedford (HEB) Chamber of
Commerce

Irving Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Kilgore Area Chamber of Commerce

Livingston Polk County Chamber of
Commerce

Longview TX Chamber of Commerce

Lubbock Chamber of Commerce

North San Antonio Chamber of Commerce

Palestine Area Chamber of Commerce

Richardson Chamber of Commerce

Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce

Rowlett Area Chamber Visitors Center

Seguin (Texas) Area Chamber of Commerce

South Padre Island Chamber of Commerce

Temple Chamber of Commerce

Texarkana USA Regional Chamber of
Commerce

Texas Agricultural Industries Association

Texas Association of Business

Texas Vegetation Management Association

The Mansfield Area Chamber of Commerce

Utah

Box Elder Chamber of Commerce

Davis Chamber of Commerce

South Salt Lake Chamber

South Valley Chamber of Commerce

St. George Area Chamber of Commerce

The Salt Lake Chamber

West Jordan Chamber of Commerce

Virginia

Bull Shoals Lake White River Chamber of
Commerce

ChamberRVA

Loudoun County Chamber of Commerce

Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Virginia Peninsula Chamber of Commerce

Washington

Fife Milton Edgewood Chamber of
Commerce

Greater Spokane Inc

Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce

Puyallup Sumner Chamber of Commerce

Shelton-Mason Chamber of Commerce

Washington Retail Association

West Virginia

West Virginia Chamber of Commerce

Wisconsin

Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce

Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce

Greater Green Bay Chamber

Kenosha Area Chamber of Commerce

Oregon Chamber of Commerce

Oshkosh Chamber of Commerce

Tomahawk Regional Chamber of Commerce

Wisconsin Manufacturers Commerce

Wyoming

Campbell County Chamber of Commerce

Evanston Chamber of Commerce

Greater Cheyenne Chamber of Commerce

Rock Springs Chamber of Commerce