

Promote America's Competitive Edge

U.S. Workers Keeping **PACE**
with the World

www.pace4jobs.org

April 26, 2010

Dear Member of Congress:

The PACE Coalition and undersigned trade associations urge you to consider legislation affecting long-standing international tax provisions only after thorough evaluation of these measures and in the context of broad reforms that are designed to enhance the competitiveness of worldwide American companies and their U.S. workers.

Cross-border trade and investment is of vital importance to the U.S. economy. Worldwide American companies directly employ 22 million U.S. workers and support an additional 41 million U.S. jobs through their supply chains and spending by the people they employ directly or indirectly. Ninety-five percent of the world's consumers live outside the United States and the possibility of expanding sales to these consumers is the primary growth opportunity for many American companies.

As we seek to rebuild the economy and restore jobs, it is critical that we adopt the best policies to secure future economic growth. We must focus on tax changes that will assure that American firms operating in the global economy are more competitive, not less competitive. Any consideration of U.S. international tax rules affecting business should be part of a broader tax reform debate that is focused on ensuring the competitiveness of U.S. companies and American workers both at home and abroad.

Last month the House passed a bill that uses certain international tax provisions affecting business as revenue raisers. We believe that the impact of these and other international proposals on American businesses, competitiveness, and job creation needs to be fully assessed before further Congressional action.

If legislation is necessary to prevent aggressive or abusive practices under current law, it is important that any modifications be appropriately targeted to this purpose rather than broad legislation that adversely affects legitimate business operations, reduces U.S. competitiveness, and causes a loss of U.S. jobs.

April 26, 2010

Page 2

For your reference, we have attached a recent letter sent to all Members of Congress by the PACE Coalition (www.pace4jobs.org) and signed by more than 280 companies and trade associations – all united in opposition to the Administration’s international tax proposals contained in the FY 2011 budget.

We look forward to working with you on the critical issues of job growth and competitiveness, and the comprehensive tax reforms that can help American workers and businesses succeed at home and in the global marketplace.

Sincerely,

Aerospace Industries Association
American Beverage Association
American Chemistry Council
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Business Roundtable
Business Software Alliance
Emergency Committee for American Trade (ECAT)
Financial Executives International’s Committee on Taxation
Information Technology Industry Council
National Association of Manufacturers
National Foreign Trade Council
Software Finance & Tax Executives Council
TechAmerica
United States Council for International Business
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

Attachment: PACE Coalition letter of March 9, 2010