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Dear Member of Congress:

The PACE Coalition is a broad-based organization dedicated to promoting and increasing the more than 63 million American jobs that depend on the international competitiveness of worldwide American companies. As the 111th Congress comes to a close, the members of PACE, including the undersigned trade associations, strongly urge you to reject proposals that would increase taxes on worldwide American companies during this nascent economic recovery. Given our country's high rate of unemployment, it is critical to advance policies that promote job creation and retention. In contrast, proposals that diminish the ability of worldwide American companies to compete at home and abroad would discourage job creation and further thwart our economic recovery.

Companies of all sizes and their workers benefit when the United States is more competitive in global markets, regardless of whether they are directly involved in international commerce. Suppliers to worldwide American companies benefit when new markets are opened and their customers profit and grow. Similarly, local economies in cities and towns across the country receive the economic benefits associated with being home to a highly paid American workforce.

PACE supports reforms that improve the worldwide competitiveness of American companies and workers and believes that the time and place for consideration of complex new tax policies affecting deferral, transfer pricing and foreign tax credits is in the context of comprehensive corporate tax reform. Consequently, we strongly oppose any efforts at piecemeal "reforms" that raise taxes on American companies and workers and make them less competitive globally.

U.S. tax laws already disadvantage American companies and their employees. U.S. companies face the second highest corporate tax rate among developed countries. The U.S. international tax rules impede the ability of worldwide American companies to expand into new markets and reinvest foreign earnings at home. At a time when other

countries are taking steps to attract business, current U.S. tax policies have actually discouraged business investment and job creation in the United States.

Therefore, in the remaining days of the 111th Congress, we urge you again to reject any tax increases that would further reduce the competitiveness of American companies, their suppliers and workers and slow economic recovery and job creation.

Sincerely,

American Chemistry Council
American Financial Services Association
American Petroleum Institute
AMT - The Association For Manufacturing Technology
Association of Equipment Manufacturers (AEM)
Business Roundtable
Business Software Alliance
Coalition for North American Trade and Investment
Emergency Committee for American Trade (ECAT)
European-American Business Council
Financial Executives International's Committee on Taxation
Illinois Technology Association
ITIC – Information Technology Industry Council
Minnesota High Tech Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Foreign Trade Council
New Jersey Technology Council
North Carolina Technology Association
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Semiconductor Industry Association
Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Software Finance & Tax Executives Council
TechAmerica
TechNet
Technology CEO Council
United States Council for International Business
U.S. Chamber of Commerce