



July 10, 2008

[Sent to the United States Senate and House of Representatives]

The Honorable Daniel Akaka  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Akaka:

As leaders of National Association of Manufacturers (NAM) member companies of all sizes, we strongly urge you to act quickly on legislation that extends a number of tax provisions that already have expired or are set to expire at the end of 2008.

In particular, we support immediate extensions of a strengthened R&D tax credit, tax incentives for energy efficiency and renewable energy, deferral of U.S. tax on active business global financing income, and look-through rules for payments between related foreign corporations. If these tax provisions are not extended, our country's ability to innovate, compete, and help solve our energy needs through renewable fuels and energy efficiency will be compromised. These incentives are necessary to help shore up business confidence and promote economic growth and job creation.

Thank you in advance for considering our request. We look forward to working with you to secure enactment of an extenders bill that will promote our nation's continued technological advancements, energy security, and competitiveness in the global economy.

Sincerely,

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