



Midwestern Governors Association

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable John Boehner
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Harry Reid
Majority Leader
United States Senate
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Dear Madam Speaker, Mr. Boehner, Senator Reid and Senator McConnell:

On behalf of the Midwestern Governors Association, I ask you to support the extension of certain expired or expiring tax provisions. Extension of these tax provisions will ensure continued growth of many vital industries in our region, as well as encourage the creation of new jobs and the retention of existing jobs. Unfortunately, some businesses in our region have already had to make tough business decisions due to the uncertainty surrounding the extension of these tax provisions.

In recent years, various expiring tax provisions have usually been considered by Congress jointly as part of an "extenders package." While my fellow governors and I would each prioritize the individual provisions of such a bill in a different manner, we agree that, taken as a whole, the extension of these expired and expiring tax provisions will help to preserve and create American jobs.

Our region is well-positioned to spur investments in the new energy economy and create new jobs. These tax provisions are a critical link for Midwestern states. Our regional and American economies depend on a tax extenders package to revitalize communities, produce clean and renewable domestic energy and fuels, reduce dependence on overseas oil, remain internationally competitive, spur investment in equipment and critical infrastructure, develop new technologies and medical cures, assist in overcoming past natural disasters, and put Americans back to work.

While the House has already approved an extenders package, we understand that the Senate might be voting on its version soon. We urge the two chambers to work quickly to finalize these important provisions. Thank you

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for your consideration of our concerns and our respectful request of moving the tax extenders package. Should you have any questions, please contact Emily Marthaler with the MGA at emarthaler@csg.org or 202-624-8474.

Sincerely,



Ted Strickland
Governor of Ohio and Chair,
Midwestern Governors Association

cc: The Honorable Max Baucus
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