

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 24, 2008

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House
H-232, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Boehner
House Minority Leader
H-204, U.S. Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi and Leader Boehner;

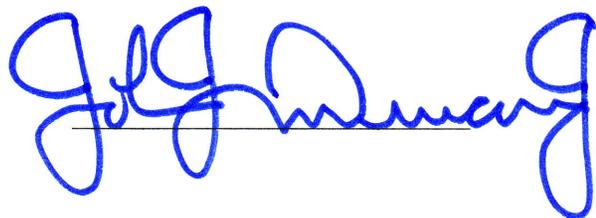
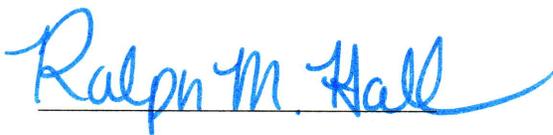
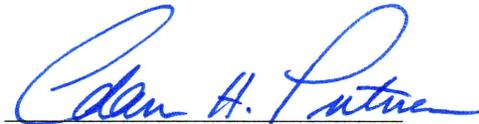
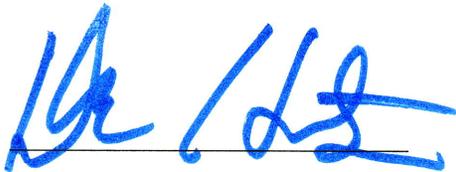
We write today to ask that you immediately bring up the Senate passed tax extenders package, HR 6049, for a vote here in the House of Representatives. As you may know, this legislation, which passed the Senate yesterday with an overwhelmingly bipartisan vote of 93-2, includes a two-year extension of the state and local sales tax deduction.

This deduction expired at the end of 2007 and it must be extended as a matter of simple fairness for the millions of individuals and families who reside in states without an income tax. As many of us mentioned in an earlier letter to you on this subject, our small businesses will also be harmed if the state and local sales tax deduction is not extended immediately.

In order to ensure enactment of an extension, the House must vote on the Senate passed version of HR 6049. As Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid has made clear, the Senate will not pass any other version of a tax extenders bill. Therefore, in order to see a bill become law, the House must pass the Senate bill without delay.

Failure of the House to act and vote on this bipartisan, compromise Senate bill is not an option.

Sincerely,



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