



January 23, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
United States Senate
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Thune:

On behalf of the Family Business Estate Tax Coalition (FBETC), we write to lend our support your legislation pending introduction, the Death Tax Repeal Act of 2025, to permanently repeal the estate tax.

Historically, the FBETC has supported increased estate tax exemption thresholds indexed for inflation, permanent lower tax rates, and provisions for spousal transfer and stepped-up basis. Additionally, the FBETC supported the temporary estate tax relief in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), which doubled the exemption to approximately \$12.9 million for tax year 2023 and indexed future increases for inflation through 2025.

These changes represent significant relief to family-owned businesses from the estate tax. However, without further Congressional action the temporary increase in the exemption amount will expire at the end of 2025, increasing uncertainty and planning costs. While the FBETC supports making the estate tax provisions of TCJA permanent, the FBETC continues to believe that repeal is the best solution to protect all family-owned businesses from the estate tax.

Thank you for your continued efforts to support America's family-owned businesses and farms. We look forward to working with you to advance this important issue.

Sincerely,

Agricultural & Food Transporters Conference of ATA
Agricultural Retailers Association
Air Conditioning Contractors of America
American Beverage Licensees
American Council of Engineering Companies
American Farm Bureau Federation
American Foundry Society

American International Automobile Dealers Association
American Rental Association
American Sheep Industry Association (ASI)
American Soybean Association
American Sugar Alliance
American Sugarbeet Growers Association
American Supply Association
American Veterinary Medical Association
Associated Builders and Contractors
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated General Contractors of America
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Association for Manufacturing Technology
Auto Care Association
Brick Industry Association
California Association of Winegrape Growers
Construction Industry Round Table
Decorative Hardwoods Association
Distribution Contractors Association
Energy Marketers of America
Food Marketing Institute
Forest Resources Association
Hardwood Federation
Heating, Air-conditioning, & Refrigeration Distributors International
Independent Community Bankers of America
Industrial Fasteners Institute
International Foodservice Distributors Association
International Franchise Association
International Warehouse Logistics Association
Manufacturer & Business Association
Mason Contractors Association of America
National Apartment Association
National Asphalt Pavement Association
National Association of Home Builders
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Automatic Merchandising Association
National Automobile Dealers Association
National Beer Wholesalers Association
National Black Chamber of Commerce
National Cattlemen's Beef Association
National Community Pharmacists Association
National Cotton Council
National Council of Agricultural Employers

National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Electrical Contractors Association
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVES
ASSOCIATION
National Funeral Directors Association
National Grange
National Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association
National Milk Producers Federation
National Multifamily Housing Council
National Newspaper Association
National Onion Association
National Pork Producers Council
National Potato Council
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Renderers Association
National Restaurant Association
National Roofing Contractors Association
National Small Business Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
National Tooling and Machining Association
National Federation of Independent Business
North American Die Casting Association
Outdoor Hospitality Industry
Petroleum Marketers Association of America
Performance Racing Industry
Plastics Industry Association
Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors – National Association
Policy and Taxation Group
Precision Machined Products Association
Precision Metalforming Association
PRINTING United Alliance
Public Lands Council
S Corporation Association
Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Small Business Legislative Council
Society of Collision Repair Specialists
Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association
Specialty Equipment Market Association
Tire Industry Association
Truck Renting and Leasing Association
U.S. Apple Association
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
United Egg Producers

US Rice Producers Association
USA Rice Federation
Western Growers Association
Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America