United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510

April 23, 2008

Max Baucus
Chairman
U.S. Senate Committee on Finance
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Baucus:

We are writing to express our support for enacting the 2008 Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) "patch" and extending the various expiring tax relief provisions without offsetting tax increases.

We believe the research and experimentation tax credit, various accelerated depreciation provisions, the energy tax incentives, the education, charitable, and other individual tax incentives, and the AMT patch are very important to American families and to the U.S. economy. Many of these tax relief provisions have already expired and uncertainty about whether and when these provisions will be extended is causing hardship to families and businesses, which is exacerbating current economic difficulties.

An overwhelming majority of the Senate has already voted this year to extend various expiring energy tax incentives without offsetting tax increases; we believe this same policy should be applied to the other expiring tax incentives and to the AMT patch.

We look forward to working with you to enact these many important provisions as soon as possible this year to provide certainty for American families and the economy without raising taxes.

Sincerely,

Mitch McConnell

Chuck Grassley

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