



President Donald J. Trump
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20500

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Dear President Trump:

Thank you for your leadership on reforming our tax code with a focus toward accelerating economic growth and job creation. As you know, employees, shareholders and suppliers are all bearing the consequences of America's high corporate tax rate—and the result is anemic job creation, dampened economic security, and overall reduced investment in the United States. We believe that your proposal will bring a major improvement over the status quo.

The RATE Coalition's [member companies](#) employ one third of America's private-sector workers, and contrary to conventional wisdom, our membership pays an average effective federal tax rate of 32 percent. The anti-competitive U.S. corporate tax rate has handicapped us against our international competitors for too long. It has made it more difficult to invest in our American employees and operations, while limiting the value we're able to create for our shareholders.

We believe that your proposal will spark an economic boom and make all American companies more competitive in the global marketplace. We also believe that your proposal would stop the steady erosion of America's corporate tax base by removing the incentive for companies to flee in pursuit of a more favorable tax rate.

The RATE Coalition applauds you for providing the presidential leadership that is critical to advancing tax reform. It is imperative that we fix America's tax code now, and we are committed to partnering with both your Administration and the Congress to transform that obsolete code, thereby creating the certainty and growth that comes to an America that is the world's greatest destination in which to invest and hire.

Sincerely,

Elaine Kamarck
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