



Family Business Coalition Statement – Tax Relief for Rural America

The Working Families Tax Cuts delivered historic tax relief for family businesses, farms, and ranches across the country. By shielding the majority of family businesses from the destructive death tax, the law helps ensure that hardworking families can pass their businesses on to the next generation of leadership. The increased estate tax exemption provides long-term certainty for family-owned operations that form the backbone of many local economies. By making these provisions permanent, the law also reduces the need for costly and time-consuming estate planning, allowing business owners to focus their resources where they matter most: expanding their operations, innovating for the future, and creating more good-paying jobs.

Many of the businesses supporting death tax repeal are multigenerational family operations like farms, ranches, and locally owned businesses that have been built over decades. These families are not sitting on large amounts of liquid wealth. Instead, their value is tied up in land, equipment, livestock, storefronts, or inventory. Because death taxes are assessed on the total value of those assets when an owner passes away, the next generation can face a large tax bill despite having very little cash on hand. This can force families to sell off farmland, equipment, or parts of the business just to pay the tax, putting the future of the operation at risk.

The nearly 200 undersigned industry associations joined an FBC led coalition letter in support of the Death Tax Repeal Act, led by Senate Majority Leader Thune (R-SD) and Congressman Feenstra (R-IA) which reached 182 cosponsors in the House and 47 in the Senate. President Trump and Congressional Republicans deserve credit for listening to the overwhelming support amongst the conference and small business stakeholders for death tax relief. FBC commends you for passing the Working Families Tax Cuts which effectively eliminates the death tax for the majority of America's family-owned businesses.

Organizations supporting the Death Tax Repeal Act include:



Agricultural Retailers
Association



AICC, The Independent
Packaging Association



Air Conditioning Contractors
of America



American Beverage Licensees (ABL)



American Bus Association



American Foundry Society



American Horse Council



American Loggers Council



American Pipeline Contractors Association



American Rental Association



American Sheep Industry Association



American Subcontractors Association



American Sugar Alliance



American Supply Association



AMT- The Association For Manufacturing Technology



Associated Builders and Contractors



Associated Equipment Distributors



Associated Wire Rope Fabricators



Association for Print Technologies



Aviation Suppliers Association



Auto Care Association



Coalition of Franchisee Associations



Construction Industry Round Table

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Decorative Hardwoods Association



DISTRIBUTION CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
Distribution Contractors Association



Education Market Association



Energy Marketers of America



Essential Minerals Association



Family Business Association of California



Far West Equipment Dealers Association



FOOD MARKETING INSTITUTE

FMI - the Food Industry Association



Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association



Promoting Private Forests
Forest Landowners Association



Forest Resources Association



Franchise Business Services



Gallagher Flintoff & Klein



Global Cold Chain Alliance



Hardwood Federation



Hardwood Manufacturers Association



Independent Electrical Contractors



Heating Air-conditioning and Refrigeration Distributors International



International Food Additives Council



INTERNATIONAL SIGN ASSOCIATION
International Sign Association



Jewelry Industry Distributors Association



Kitchen Cabinet Manufacturers Association



Mason Contractors Association of America



Motion Control Solutions Network

Independent Electrical Contractors



INTERNATIONAL FRANCHISE ASSOCIATION
International Franchise Association



International Sleep Products Association



Juice Products Association



Land Improvement Contractors Association



Metals Service Center Institute



NACS | Advancing Convenience & Fuel Retailing

International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses



International Housewares Association



ISD - International Sealing Distribution Association



Kentucky Forest Industries Association



Livestock Marketing Association



Modification and Replacement Parts Association



NAHAD The Association for Hose and Accessories Distribution



NATE: The Communications Infrastructure Contractors Association



National Association of Chemical Distributors



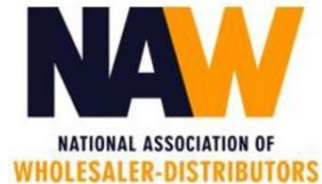
National Association of Electrical Distributors



National Association of Home Builders



National Association of RV Parks & Campgrounds (ARVC)



National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors



National Automatic Merchandising Association



National Automobile Dealers Association



National Black Chamber of Commerce



National Candle Association



National Club Association



National Confectioners Association



National Council of Farmer Cooperatives



National Demolition Association (NDA)



National Electrical Contractors Association



NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION® (NEMRA)



National Franchise Association



National Funeral Directors Association



National Grange



National Insulation Association



National Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association



National Marine Distributors Association



National Marine Manufacturers Association



National Newspaper Association



National Onion Association



National Pasta Association



National Pecan Shellers Association



National Ready Mixed Concrete Association



National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association



National Utility Contractors Association



National Wooden Pallet and Container Association



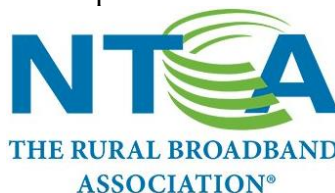
NATSO, Representing America's Travel Centers and Truckstops



North American Equipment Dealers Association



North American Renderers Association



NTCA—The Rural Broadband Association



NTEA — The Association for the Work Truck Industry



Outdoor Power Equipment and Engine Service Association



Plastics Pipe Institute

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Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors--National Association



Power and Communication Contractors Association



PRINTING United Alliance



Professional Beauty Association



Rural and Agricultural Council of America



Sazerac Company



Security Hardware Distributors Association



Seigneur Gustafson LLP CPAs and Advisors



Selected Independent Funeral Homes



Service Station Dealers of American and Allied Trades



SIGMA: America's Leading Fuel Marketers



Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council



Southeastern Lumber Manufacturers Association



Spray Polyurethane Foam Alliance



Textile Care Allied Trades Association



The Dude Ranchers Association



Tire Industry Association (TIA)



Truck Renting and Leasing Association



U.S. Apple Association



United Egg Producers



United States Cattlemen's Association



Water and Sewer Distributors of America



Western Growers



Wholesale Florist and Florist Supplier Association



Window & Door Manufacturers Association



Wine Institute



Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America



WMDA Car Service Station and Automotive Repair Association



American Staffing Association



Connecticut Food Association



Industrial Fasteners Institute



Iowa Nebraska Equipment Dealers Association



North Dakota Grocers Association



Oklahoma Grocers Association



Pennsylvania Food Merchants Association

Unleash Prosperity Now



Asian American Hotel Owners Association



American Hotel and Lodging Association



AmericanHort



American Lighting Association



American Mold Builders Association



Automobile Dealers Association of North Dakota



ISSA, the Worldwide Cleaning Industry Association



Automotive Service Association



Cooperative Network



Forging Industry Association



Irrigation Association



Louisiana Retailers Association



National Apartment Association



National Cotton Council



National Electrical Manufacturers Association



National Grocers Association



National Milk Producers Federation



National Small Business Association



North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers



National Tooling and Machining Association



Society of Collision Repair Specialists



Small Business Legislative Council



Vermont Retail & Grocers Association



Pioneer Equipment Dealers Association



Precision Machined Products Association



Delaware Food Industry Council

Delaware Food Industry Council



Advancing American Freedom



GAWDA



Outdoor Hospitality Industry



KITCHEN CABINET
MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION*
Kitchen Cabinet
Manufacturers Association



Precision Metalforming Association



FCA International



North American Die Casting Association



60 Plus Association



ALEC Action



AMAC Action



American Business Defense Council



American Commitment



American Values



Americans for Prosperity



Americans for Tax Reform



Center for a Free Economy



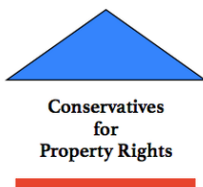
Center for Individual Freedom



Club for Growth



Competitive Enterprise Institute



Conservatives for Property Rights



Consumer Action for a Strong Economy



Council for Citizens Against Government Waste



FreedomWorks



Frontiers of Freedom



Hispanic Leadership Fund



Independent Women's Voice



Less Government



Market Institute



Maryland Taxpayers Association



National Tax Limitation Committee



National Taxpayers Union



R-Street Institute



Taxpayers Protection Alliance



Family Business Coalition