



January 31, 2017

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), thank you for introducing S. 205, the *Death Tax Repeal Act of 2017* to permanently repeal the estate tax.

The FBETC supports the provisions in the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 including a \$5 million estate tax exemption, indexed for inflation, permanent lower tax rates and provisions for spousal transfer and stepped-up basis.

While these changes represent significant reform to the estate tax rules, 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 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 Trucking Associations  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Auto Care Association  
California Association of Winegrape Growers

Comporium, Inc.  
Convenience Distribution Association  
Food Marketing Institute  
Forest Resources Association  
Hardwood Federation  
Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International  
Independent Community Bankers of America  
Independent Office Products & Furniture Dealers Association  
International Foodservice Distributors Association  
International Sign Association  
Mason Contractors Association of America  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Manufacturers  
National Association of Shell Marketers, Inc  
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors  
National Automobile Dealers Association  
National Beer Wholesalers Association  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
National Cotton Council  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Federation of Independent Business  
National Lumber and Building Material Dealers Association  
National Milk Producers Federation  
National Office Products Alliance  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Propane Gas Association  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National Small Business Association  
National Tooling and Machining Association  
North American Die Casting Association  
Office Furniture Dealers Alliance  
Plastics Industry Association  
Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors—National Association  
Policy and Taxation Group  
Precious Metals Association of North America  
Precision Machined Products Association  
Precision Metalforming Association  
Printing Industries of America  
Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association  
S Corporation Association  
Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades (SSDA-AT)  
Southeastern Lumber Manufactures Association  
Soybean Association  
Tire Industry Association (TIA)  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

United Egg Producers  
USA Rice Federation  
Western Growers  
Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America