



March 30, 2023

Senator John Thune
511 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Thune:

The undersigned organizations support your bill, the Death Tax Repeal Act of 2023.

We appreciate your work to lead the country towards a commonsense tax code that does not impose a destructive double or triple tax at death. We support full and permanent repeal of the federal estate tax for the following reasons:

Repealing the death tax would spur job creation and grow the economy. Many studies have quantified the potential job growth that would result from estate tax repeal. Last year the Tax Foundation found that the US could create over 150,000 jobs by repealing the estate tax. A 2012 study by the House Joint Economic Committee found that the death tax has destroyed over \$1.1 trillion of capital in the US economy – loss of small business capital means fewer jobs and lower wages. Lawrence Summers, former Secretary of the Treasury under President Clinton; Alicia Munell, member of President Clinton's Council of Economic Advisors; Joseph Stiglitz, a Nobel laureate for economics; and Douglas Holtz-Eakin, former CBO Director have all published work on the death tax's stifling effect on job growth and the economy as a whole.

The death tax contributes a very small portion of federal revenues. The estate tax currently accounts for approximately one-half of one percent of federal revenue. There is a good argument that not collecting the estate tax would create more economic growth and lead to an increase in federal revenue from other taxes. A 2016 Tax Foundation analysis found repeal of the death tax would increase federal income taxes by \$145 billion over 10 years using a more realistic, “dynamic” economic analysis.

In addition, the death tax forces family businesses to waste money on expensive insurance policies and estate planning. These burdensome compliance costs make it even harder for business owners to expand their businesses and create more jobs.

A super-majority of likely voters support eliminating the death tax. Poll after poll has indicated that a super-majority of likely voters support repealing the estate tax. Typically, two-thirds of likely voters support full and permanent repeal of the death tax. People instinctively feel that the estate tax is not fair. A 2016 state poll by YouGov conducted in South Dakota showed 75 percent of voters supported repealing the estate tax.

The death tax is unfair. It makes no sense to require grieving families to pay a confiscatory tax on their loved one's nest egg. Far too often this tax is paid by selling family assets like farms and businesses. Other times, employees of the family business must be laid off and payrolls slashed. No one should be punished for fulfilling the American dream.

The negative effects of the estate tax make permanent repeal the only solution for family businesses and farms. Your legislation will help America's family businesses create jobs, expand operations, and grow the economy. We thank you for your continued leadership on this important issue.

Signed,



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AICC, The Independent Packaging Association



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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



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Essential Minerals Association



Family Business Association of California



Far West Equipment Dealers Association



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FMI - the Food Industry Association



Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association



Promoting Private Forests
Forest Landowners Association



Forest Resources Association



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International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses



International Food Additives Council



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International Housewares Association



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International Sign Association



International Sleep Products Association



ISD - International Sealing Distribution Association



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Juice Products Association



Kentucky Forest Industries Association



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Manufacturers Association



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Association



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National Grange



National Marine Distributors Association



National Onion Association



National Ready Mixed Concrete Association

National Club Association



National Demolition Association (NDA)



National Franchise Association



National Insulation Association



National Marine Manufacturers Association

National Marine Manufacturers Association



National Pasta Association



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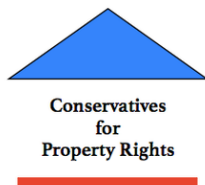
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