

The Honorable Steve Daines  
320 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Lloyd Smucker  
302 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

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Dear Senator Daines and Congressman Smucker:

The undersigned business groups strongly support the introduction of your Main Street Tax Certainty Act of 2023, legislation to make permanent the 20-percent deduction for small- and individually-owned businesses (Section 199A).

Your legislation would provide certainty to the millions of S corporations, partnerships and sole proprietorships that rely on the Section 199A deduction to remain competitive both here and overseas.

Individually- and family-owned businesses organized as pass-throughs are the backbone of the American economy. They employ the majority of private-sector workers and account for 95 percent of all businesses. They also make up the economic and social foundation for countless communities nationwide. Without these businesses and the jobs they provide, many communities would face a more uncertain future of lower growth, fewer jobs, and more boarded-up buildings.

Despite this, Section 199A is scheduled to sunset at the end of 2025, even as the businesses it supports continue to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic and the price hikes, labor shortages, and supply chain disruptions that followed.

Making the Section 199A deduction permanent will help Main Street during this very difficult time, leading to higher economic growth and more employment. Separate studies by economists Barro and Furman, the American Action Forum, and DeBacker and Kasher found that making the pass-through deduction permanent would result in significantly improved parity and lower rates for Main Street businesses.

The more quickly Congress acts to make Section 199A permanent, the sooner Main Street businesses will benefit. We appreciate your introduction of this important legislation and look forward to seeing it enacted.

Sincerely,

Agricultural Retailers Association  
AICC, The Independent Packaging Association  
Air Conditioning Contractors of America (ACCA)  
American Bakers Association  
American Building Materials Alliance (ABMA)  
American Council of Engineering Companies  
American Dental Association  
American Farm Bureau Federation

American Foundry Society  
American Hotel & Lodging Association  
American Lighting Association  
American Mold Builders Association  
American Petroleum Institute  
American Pipeline Contractors Association  
American Staffing Association  
American Subcontractors Association  
American Sugar Alliance  
American Sugarbeet Growers Association  
American Supply Association  
American Trucking Associations  
American Veterinary Medical Association  
Associated Builders and Contractors  
Associated Equipment Distributors  
Associated General Contractors of America  
Association of the Wall and Ceiling Industry  
Automotive Service Association  
CCIM Institute  
Construction Industry Round Table  
Convenience Distribution Association  
Distribution Contractors Association  
Education Market Association  
Energy Marketers of America  
Finseca  
FMI - the Food Industry Association  
Foodservice Equipment Distributors Association  
Forest Resources Association  
Forging Industry Association  
Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Glass Packaging Institute  
Global Cold Chain Alliance  
Hearth, Patio & Barbecue Association  
Heating, Air-conditioning, & Refrigeration Distributors International  
ICSC  
Illinois Farm Bureau  
Independent Bakers Association  
Independent Community Bankers of America  
Independent Electrical Contractors  
Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America (Big "I")  
Industrial Fasteners Institute  
Institute of Real Estate Management  
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries Inc.  
International Foodservice Distributors Association  
International Franchise Association  
International Fresh Produce Association

International Housewares Association  
International Sign Association  
Irrigation Association  
Job Creators Network  
Livestock Marketing Association  
Main Street Employers Coalition  
Manufactured Housing Institute  
Manufacturer & Business Association  
Mortgage Bankers Association  
NABIP  
NAIOP, the Commercial Real Estate Development Association  
Nareit  
National Apartment Association  
National Association of Benefits and Insurance Professionals  
National Association of Convenience Stores  
National Association of Electrical Distributors  
National Association of Home Builders  
National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors  
National Association of Professional Insurance Agents  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®  
National Association of Sporting Goods Wholesalers  
National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors  
National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA)  
National Automobile Dealers Association  
National Beer Wholesalers Association  
National Cattlemen's Beef Association  
National Council of Agricultural Employers  
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
NATIONAL ELECTRICAL MANUFACTURERS REPRESENTATIVES ASSOCIATION  
(NEMRA)  
National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB)  
National Funeral Directors Association  
National Grange  
National Grocers Association  
National Insulation Association  
National Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association  
National Marine Distributors Association  
National Multifamily Housing Council  
National Onion Association  
National Pecan Federation  
National Pork Producers Council  
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
National Restaurant Association  
National Roofing Contractors Association  
National RV Dealers Association (RVDA)

National Small Business Association  
National Stone, Sand, & Gravel Association  
National Tooling and Machining Association  
National Utility Contractors Association  
National Waste & Recycling Association  
National Wooden Pallet & Container Association  
Nebraska Cooperative Council  
New York Farm Bureau  
New York State Agribusiness Association  
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)  
North American Die Casting Association  
North American Equipment Dealers Association  
North Dakota Grain Growers Association  
Ohio AgriBusiness Association  
Oregon Cattlemen's Association  
Outdoor Power Equipment and Engine Service Association  
Pennsylvania Farm Bureau  
Performance Racing Industry (PRI)  
Pet Industry Distributors Association  
Petroleum Equipment Institute  
Plastics Pipe Institute  
Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors--National Association  
Power and Communication Contractors Association  
Precision Machined Products Association  
Precision Metalforming Association  
PRINTING United Alliance  
Professional Beauty Association  
Reserve Organization of America (ROA)  
Retail Bakers of America  
Rocky Mountain Agribusiness Association  
S Corporation Association  
Service Station Dealers of America and Allied Trades (SSDA-AT)  
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council  
Society of American Florists  
Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS)  
Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA)  
Structural Insulated Panel Assn. (SIPA)  
Subchapter S Bank Association  
Texas Ag Industries Association  
Texas Farm Bureau  
Texas Vegetation Management Association  
Textile Care Allied Trades Association  
The Association for Hose and Accessories Distribution  
The Council of Insurance Agents and Brokers  
The Hardwood Federation  
The Midwest Council on Agriculture

The Real Estate Roundtable  
Tile Roofing Industry Alliance  
Tire Industry Association (TIA)  
Truck Renting and Leasing Association  
U.S. Chamber of Commerce  
U.S. Peanut Federation  
USA Rice  
Water and Sewer Distributors of America (WASDA)  
Wholesale Florist & Florist Supplier Association  
Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of America  
Wine Institute  
Wisconsin Grocers Association  
Wood Machinery Manufacturers of America  
Wyoming Farm Bureau Federation  
Wyoming Stock Growers Association