



May 16, 2025

The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steve Scalise
Majority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
H-329, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Tom Emmer
Majority Whip
U.S. House of Representatives
H-107, The Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jodey Arrington
Chairman
House Committee on the Budget
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Jason Smith
Chairman
House Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Scalise, Whip Emmer and Chairmen Arrington and Smith:

On behalf of the National Small Business Association (NSBA) and its more than 65,000 members,¹ I write in support of the *One Big Beautiful Bill Act*, A bill to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of the Concurrent Resolution on the Budget for Fiscal Year 2025, H.Con.Res.14. This pro-growth legislation not only extends key elements of the successful 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) but builds on that legacy by enhancing and making permanent the provisions that enable America's job creators to grow and thrive.

As the nation's longest-standing small-business advocacy organization, NSBA represents a diverse network of entrepreneurs and small-business owners who are the backbone of the American economy. Small firms make up 99.9% of all U.S. businesses, employ nearly half the private-sector workforce, and contribute over 43% of the country's GDP.² Yet, these businesses face outsized challenges—minor disruptions in tax policy, regulation, financing, or labor can pose existential threats to their operations.

The TCJA helped level the playing field for small businesses by reducing individual tax rates and, critically, creating the 20% Qualified Business Income (QBI) deduction under Section

¹ Founded in 1937, NSBA is the nation's oldest small-business advocacy organization. We operate on a bipartisan basis to represent the interests of all American small businesses. We have 65,000+ members in every state and every industry across the country, including our numerous state affiliates. More information about NSBA and our priorities can be found on our website at: www.nsbaadvocate.org.

² United States Small Business Administration. Frequently Asked Questions About Small Business: July 2024. https://advocacy.sba.gov/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/Frequently-Asked-Questions-About-Small-Business_2024-508.pdf.

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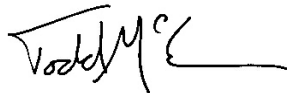
199A. Because most small firms are organized as pass-through entities, these provisions ensured that Main Street didn't shoulder a disproportionate tax burden relative to Wall Street. However, the TCJA failed to make these measures permanent, leaving millions of entrepreneurs vulnerable to future tax hikes.

Fortunately, the tax package recently advanced by the Ways and Means Committee as a part of this bill takes meaningful steps to address this oversight. It would make permanent and significantly enhance both the lower individual rates and the Section 199A deduction—measures that have become essential to the survival and growth of Main Street businesses. NSBA also applauds lawmakers for prioritizing other forms of relief critical to these businesses, namely the restoration of 100% bonus depreciation, an expansion of full expensing regime under Section 179, and the reinstatement of the immediate expensing regime for research and experimentation costs.

Finally, NSBA recognizes that this legislation was crafted within the strict fiscal parameters set forth in the Budget Resolution. Despite these limitations, the Ways and Means Committee and House Leadership should be commended for advancing a pro-growth tax package that not only delivers meaningful relief to small businesses, but also remains well below the budgetary cap. In doing so, the House has demonstrated that it is possible to support America's entrepreneurs while maintaining fiscal responsibility—benefiting both Main Street job creators and the taxpayers who fund our government.

Thank you for your commitment to ensuring small businesses can thrive. I look forward to working with you to advance a policy environment that empowers entrepreneurs and promotes sustainable economic growth, and urge lawmakers to support this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Todd McCracken", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Todd McCracken
President & CEO
National Small Business Association