

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Richard E. Neal
Chairman
House Ways & Means Committee
H-208, U.S. Capitol

Dear Chairman Neal,

Thank you for your continued leadership as we work to modernize our country's infrastructure and the Ways & Means Committee crafts the necessary revenue offsets to make this overdue investment a reality. As the American economy continues to recover from the ongoing strain and uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic, we are especially mindful of how prospective federal policies could impact U.S. competitiveness abroad.

We are encouraged by the incredible work of Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen to enact a global minimum tax that ensures a level playing field and ends the "race to the bottom." As Members of Congress, we urge a legislative approach that reflects the substance and timeline of negotiations within the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) process. Enacting tax increases above and beyond the final implemented OECD agreement, or getting out too far ahead of our OECD partners, would risk U.S. international competitiveness. A coordinated global approach to international tax policy would avoid the negative impacts of unilateral or preemptive U.S. action.

Even as our economy continues to recover from the past 18 months of the pandemic, we must bolster our long-term economic growth. It is critical that Congress work to level the playing field for U.S. companies—and millions of American workers—to compete globally. With the vast majority of consumers residing outside the United States, for many American companies engaging globally is central to their business model and vital to their growth. U.S. economic leadership is not a foregone conclusion as the global economy evolves and other countries make investments in their infrastructure and workforce. We must work together to ensure future U.S. innovation, competition, and growth.

The Biden Administration's work to secure agreement on a global minimum tax among OECD and G-20 countries represents a significant step forward. In light of this progress, proposals to dramatically increase the tax on Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income (GILTI) in forthcoming legislation would risk needlessly hampering U.S. economic competitiveness abroad. GILTI serves as a minimum tax on income American companies earn from their foreign operations, but the U.S. is currently the only country that imposes such a tax. Enacting tax policy in the U.S. that is more burdensome than the eventual OECD implementation would increase the potential for foreign takeovers of U.S. companies and could prompt a resurgence in corporate inversions. We

must advance policies that promote U.S. jobs, domestic capital investment, and an environment that supports economic growth.

Thank you again for your leadership. We believe the path forward on U.S. tax policy requires a calibrated balance that cements U.S. competitiveness in the global economy for decades to come.

Sincerely,




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