

April 3, 2020

The Honorable Pat Toomey
United States Senate
248 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta
U.S. House of Representatives
212 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Doug Jones
United States Senate
330 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Jackie Walorski
U.S. House of Representatives
419 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator Toomey, Senator Jones, Congressman Panetta and Congresswoman Walorski,

On behalf of the undersigned companies and associations, we write to thank you for your outstanding leadership in working to fix the qualified improvement property (QIP) drafting error. From your introduction of the Restoring Investment in Improvements Act, in both chambers, to your tireless support to get this fix done, we appreciate all of your efforts and success.

The unintended error in the 2017 tax law – which resulted in the QIP depreciation period defaulting to a 39-year schedule – has for years disrupted a wide range of businesses that drive economic activity in their communities. There was never a disagreement about the underlying policy of this asset class having a 15-year depreciation period, and we're thankful that through your efforts, Congress has finally corrected this mistake. Restoring the 15-year period gives businesses a realistic depreciation timeline for their improvements, in addition to being able to immediately write-off many improvements due to bonus depreciation. Your efforts will help to support local economies nationwide in a meaningful way.

Again, we are grateful for your steadfast work to fix the QIP error, and greatly appreciate the opportunity to have collaborated so closely with your offices.

Sincerely,

Acuity Brands
Agricultural Retailers Association
Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Institute
American Gaming Association
American Hotel and Lodging Association
Asian American Hotel Owners Association
Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA)
Coalition of Franchisee Associations
Common Voices

Congressional Fire Services Institute
Cooper Lighting Solutions
FMI—The Food Industry Association
Franchise Business Services
Home Furnishings Association
Illuminating Engineering Society
International Council of Shopping Centers
International Franchise Association
L Brands
Metrus Energy
NAIOP, The Commercial Real Estate Development Association
Nareit
National Association of Convenience Stores
National Association of Theatre Owners
National Automobile Dealers Association
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Electrical Manufacturers Association
National Fires Sprinkler Association
National Franchisee Association
National Grocers Association
National Lumber and Building Materials Association
National Restaurant Association
National Retail Federation
National Small Business Network
Petroleum Marketers Association of America
Regal Beloit
Retail Industry Leaders Association
Signatory Wall and Ceiling Contractors Association