

November 24, 2015

The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell
Majority Leader
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable Harry Reid
Democratic Leader
U.S. Senate
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**CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY URGES CONGRESS TO REINSTATE
DEPRECIATION BONUS, INCREASED SEC. 179 EXPENSING**

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leaders McConnell, Pelosi, and Reid:

The undersigned organizations representing a broad cross section of the U.S. construction industry urge Congress to swiftly reinstate 50 percent bonus depreciation and higher Sec. 179 expensing levels.

Over the past several years, bonus depreciation has improved cash flow, encouraged the adoption of newer, more efficient technology, and created jobs by allowing companies to write off a significant portion of the cost of their new machinery. Similarly, higher Sec. 179 levels have helped small businesses grow and compete by expensing a greater portion of their new and used equipment purchases. However, on Jan. 1, 2015, the 50 percent depreciation bonus expired and Sec. 179 expensing levels fell from \$500,000 with a \$2 million phase-out cap to \$25,000 with a \$200,000 limit.

Members of both parties recognize the broad economic benefits associated with reinstating capital investment incentives. However, given that the end of 2015 is less than six weeks away and businesses are trying to make year-end financial plans, Congress must provide tax certainty. We urge you to work together to pass legislation as quickly as possible extending the capital investment incentives for at least 2015 and 2016.

Paired together with the long-term highway bill in the final stages of conference negotiations, depreciation bonus and higher Sec. 179 levels will be powerful medicine to bolster the construction, distribution, and manufacturing sectors and put the economy on track for years of prosperity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**American Concrete Pavement Association
American Concrete Pipe Association
American Concrete Pressure Pipe Association
American Concrete Pumping Association
American Council of Engineering Companies**

American Road & Transportation Builders Association
American Supply Association
American Traffic Safety Services Association
Associated Builders & Contractors
Associated Equipment Distributors
Associated General Contractors of America
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute
Distribution Contractors Association
Energy Equipment & Infrastructure Alliance
Heating, Air-conditioning & Refrigeration Distributors International
Interlocking Concrete Pavement Institute
National Asphalt Pavement Association
National Association of Electrical Distributors
National Concrete Masonry Association
National Electrical Contractors Association
National Precast Concrete Association
National Ready Mixed Concrete Association
National Stone, Sand & Gravel Association
National Utility Contractors Association
Plastics Pipe Institute
Portland Cement Association
Power and Communication Contractors Association