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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker of the House
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Cc: Smith, Neal

Dear Speaker Johnson and Leader Jeffries:

The undersigned organizations, representing small businesses and entrepreneurs in every state and across every sector of the American economy, urge the House to swiftly pass the Taxpayer Assistance and Service (TAS) Act (H.R. 5349), which the Senate recently approved by unanimous consent. This bipartisan package would make the IRS more responsive, more modern, and more secure, and few taxpayers stand to benefit more than America's small businesses.

Small businesses do not have in-house tax departments. They rely on their own time, outside advisors, and off-the-shelf tools to meet their tax obligations, and every hour spent on hold or untangling an IRS notice is an hour taken from customers, employees, and economic productivity and growth. The TAS Act takes direct aim at these burdens and would meaningfully lower compliance costs for Main Street.

The package builds on the Taxpayer Experience Improvement Act (H.R. 7971), approved unanimously by the Ways and Means Committee, delivering real-time return and refund status, a public dashboard on backlogs and wait times, expanded callback options, and modernized online accounts. Those accounts would let small business owners, and the accountants and other professionals they authorize, view and respond to IRS correspondence online, so routine matters no longer require a phone call or a letter in the mail.

The TAS Act also protects small businesses at the front door of the filing system. Drawing on the bipartisan EFIN Verification Act (H.R. 10334), it requires every Electronic Filing Identification Number to be validated in real time before a return is filed and requires filing software to block submissions that fail. Stolen, suspended, or revoked filing credentials can no longer be used to file in a small business's name.

The package goes further still: allowing those who pay independent contractors to withhold on their behalf, so first-time contractors and sole proprietors can avoid a large, unexpected bill at year's end; extending the mailbox rule to electronic filings and payments; strengthening standards for paid preparers; and giving taxpayers the ability to resolve refund disputes in the Tax Court.

Put simply, these are commonsense, bipartisan reforms. We thank Chairman Jason Smith and Ranking Member Richard Neal, Chairman Mike Crapo and Ranking Member Ron Wyden, and Representatives David Schweikert, Don Beyer, Ron Estes, and Jimmy Panetta for their leadership, and we urge the House to pass the TAS Act without delay so these benefits reach small businesses as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

National Small Business Association (NSBA)
AICC, The Independent Packaging Association
American Building Materials Alliance (ABMA)
AmericanHort
Associated General Contractors of America (AGC)
Association of Women's Business Centers (AWBC)
Energy Marketers of America
Family Business Coalition
Gusto
National ACE
National Association for the Self-Employed
National Association of Women Business Owners (NAWBO)
National Cotton Council (NCC)
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Grange
National LGBTQ+ & Allied Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC)
National Onion Association (NOA)
National Roofing Contractors Association
NATSO, Representing America's Travel Centers and Truck Stops
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)
Performance Racing Industry (PRI)
Petroleum Equipment Institute (PEI)
PRINTING United Alliance
Recycled Materials Association (ReMA)
SIGMA: America's Leading Fuel Marketers
Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council
Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA)
U.S. Black Chambers, Inc. (USBC)
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
Women Impacting Public Policy