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The Honorable Kevin Brady
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The Honorable Richard Neal
House Ways and Means Committee
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The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch
Senate Committee on Finance
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Dear Chairmen and Ranking Members,


The New Democrat Coalition recognizes the urgent need for comprehensive tax reform. A good plan would simplify the system, support middle-class families, foster business development and job creation, encourage innovation, create opportunities for Americans to prosper in a 21st Century economy, and be fiscally responsible.

Unfortunately, the tax bills passed by the House and Senate do not achieve these fundamental principles. Our country is in dire need of a modern tax code, which is why the New Democrats support proposals that if pursued in a bipartisan matter can help us achieve true comprehensive tax reform, including:


- Put middle class families first;
- Support workers and enable them to invest in themselves and their jobs;
- Simplify the tax code to enable private sector growth and small business fairness;
- Promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and new business formation;
- Spur infrastructure investment and create good, well-paying jobs;
- Be fiscally responsible and built for long-lasting success by pursuing a bipartisan, transparent process.

Middle class tax reform should promote economic growth without exacerbating the long-term fiscal situation, and must not place a higher tax burden on low and middle income families. The New Democrat Coalition has continued to offer to work with House Republicans on a truly bipartisan tax reform plan. We stand ready to work with the Conference Committee today if the conferees are willing to undertake a true and serious bipartisan effort.

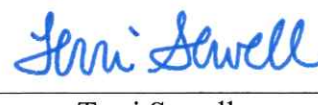
Sincerely,



Donald S. Beyer Jr.
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Terri Sewell
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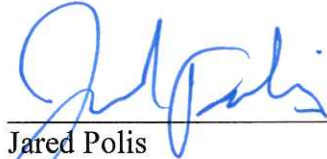
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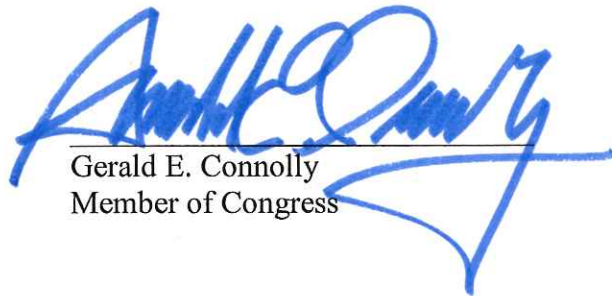
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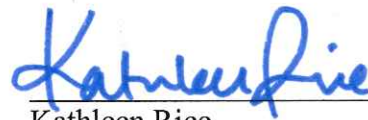
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