



January 30, 2024

The Honorable Mike Johnson  
Speaker  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Chuck Schumer  
Majority Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries  
Democratic Leader  
United States House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Mitch McConnell  
Republican Leader  
United States Senate  
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Majority Leader Schumer, Republican Leader McConnell, and Democratic Leader Jeffries:

The undersigned businesses represent the lifeblood of America's aerospace and defense industry. We are the small and medium-sized businesses up and down the supply chain responsible for genuine American innovation in areas that affect civil aviation, commercial space, and our national security. Unfortunately, the requirement to amortize our research and development (R&D) expenses over five years, in effect since January 2022, has already taken a toll on our ability to invest in R&D, affecting our companies and the livelihood of our employees. Some small and medium-sized businesses have laid off up to 40% of their workforce due to the need to amortize expenses.<sup>1</sup> With a significantly reduced cash flow, our investment in innovation is deteriorating, and we struggle to hire and retain qualified talent.

For these reasons, we fully support *The Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act*, particularly the restoration of full-year expensing for R&D expenditures, and request that you bring this legislation to the floor for a vote as soon as possible. We are grateful for the leadership of Senator Ron Wyden and Representative Jason Smith in crafting this framework and prioritizing a temporary retroactive fix to R&D expensing.

Returning the United States to a tax code that drives the development of cutting-edge technologies, incentivizes the creation of good-paying jobs, and supports small businesses is critical to our economic competitiveness and national security. We urge Congress to pass this legislation as soon as possible, enabling businesses like ours to increase private investment in R&D across multiple sectors of our economy.

Sincerely,



Acutec Precision Aerospace, Inc.  
Meadville, Pennsylvania

Aerospace Alloys, Inc.  
Bloomfield, Connecticut

Airex Rubber Products Corporation  
Portland, Connecticut

Amalga Composites  
West Allis, Wisconsin

Andrews Tool Company  
Fort Worth, Texas

Bandy Manufacturing, LLC  
Burbank, California

Chicago Precision, Inc.  
Elk Grove Village, Illinois

Click Bond, Inc.  
Carson City, Nevada

CPI Aerostructures  
Edgewood, New York

Cre8tive Technology and Design  
San Diego, California

Dayton T. Brown, Inc.  
Bohemia, New York

GM Diecron, LLC  
Griffin, Georgia

GSE Dynamics, Inc.  
Hauppauge, New York

Hughes Bros. Aircrafters, Inc.  
South Gate, California

IERUS Technologies  
Huntsville, Alabama

Integrated Support Systems, Inc.  
Seneca, South Carolina

InterConnect Wiring  
Fort Worth, Texas

Lee's Enterprise  
Chatsworth, California

LAI International LLC  
Westminster, Maryland

Marotta Controls, Inc.  
Montville, New Jersey

Meyer Tool, Inc.  
Cincinnati, Ohio

Middle River Aerostructure Systems  
Baltimore, Maryland

Patriot Group, LLC  
Pasadena, Maryland

Precision Arrow Gear Group  
College Point, New York

Rocker Industries  
Huntington Beach, California

S&H Machine, Inc.  
Burbank, California

Superior Thread Rolling Co. Inc.  
Arleta, California

TEVET, LLC  
Greeneville, Tennessee

Third Wave Systems, Inc.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Valbruna Stainless, Inc.  
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Weldaloy Specialty Forgings  
Warren, Michigan

---

<sup>i</sup> [A Tax Rule Change Is Threatening the Survival of Some Businesses - WSJ](#)