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## **R&D Credit Coalition Statement on Estate Tax Bill**

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The Senate this week will vote on the Estate Tax and Extension of Tax Relief Act of 2006, which includes the extension of a strengthened R&D tax credit. This important tax incentive expired seven months ago. As it languishes, American companies endure a tax increase as their costs of doing critical research and development in the United States rise. The number one priority of the R&D Credit Coalition is, as it has always been, the enactment of a seamless extension of the strengthened credit. The Coalition will continue to work with our Congressional champions to achieve this critical objective

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