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COALITION CALLS ON CONGRESS TO EXTEND AND STRENGTHEN THE R&D CREDIT UPON RETURN IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 3, 2006 – The R&D Credit Coalition, an organization representing thousands of businesses engaged in U.S.-based research and development activities, today released the following statement.

The failure of the Senate this evening to get the 60 votes necessary to pass legislation that contained an extension of the R&D tax credit is extremely problematic for American businesses. This important tax incentive expired over seven months ago. As Congress goes home for its summer recess, American companies endure a tax increase as their costs of doing critical research and development in the United States continue to rise. Throughout the year, President Bush has stressed the importance of the R&D credit and members of both the House and Senate repeatedly have endorsed the credit as a valuable tool in fostering U.S.-based technology and innovation. Congress must seamlessly extend and strengthen the R&D tax credit before adjourning in September.

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