

February 5, 2008

The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

On behalf of the hundreds of companies and the hundreds of thousands of workers at those companies the R&D Credit Coalition represents, we write to thank you for your continued strong support of the research and development ("R&D") tax credit. We are especially gratified that your fiscal 2009 budget request to Congress includes a permanent extension of the R&D credit, and indicates a willingness to work with Congress in improving the credit's effectiveness.

As you know, the credit expired on December 31, 2007, and we are actively working with the Congress to expeditiously extend and strengthen the law. We believe that a vibrant R&D tax credit will help ensure that the United States remains a world leader in R&D – a vital engine for our nation's continued economic growth, competitiveness and prosperity.

The R&D Credit Coalition looks forward to working with your administration and the Congress to seamlessly extend, strengthen and make the R&D credit permanent.

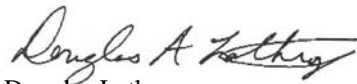
Sincerely,



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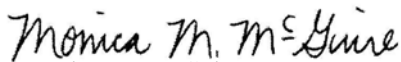
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