

September 13, 2018

The Honorable Kevin Brady Chairman, Committee on Ways & Means United States House of Representatives 1102 Longworth HOB Washington DC, 20515

## Dear Chairman Brady:

The Parity for Main Street Employers coalition strongly supports making the Section 199A passthrough deduction a permanent part of the tax code and applauds the Committee for including this key provision in the "Protecting Family and Small Business Tax Cuts Act of 2018" (H.R. 6760).

The American economy is growing at a remarkable pace, thanks in large part to tax reform and its focus on reducing taxes on employers and employees alike. But continuation of this growth is at risk because the centerpiece of tax relief for Main Street – the 20 percent pass-through deduction – is temporary and is scheduled to expire in a few years. Business needs certainty to plan and grow.

The 20 percent pass-through deduction is critical for the success of Main Street employers. Businesses organized as S corporations, partnerships and sole proprietorships comprise 95% of American companies, employ the majority of American workers, and are a vital part of the American economy. Making this deduction permanent will help put these businesses on a more level playing field with publicly trade C corporations and help them to fully contribute to economic expansion.

As a coalition comprised of national trade groups representing American Main Street businesses, whose members employ millions of private sector workers in every community and every industry, including contractors, engineers, retailers, manufacturers and more, we applaud this first step in the effort is to make permanent the pass-through deduction, and we fully support its inclusion in H.R. 6760.

## Sincerely,

The Parity for Main Street Employers Steering Committee Members:

American Council of Engineering Companies Associated Builders and Contractors Associated General Contractors of America Independent Community Bankers of America National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors National Beer Wholesalers Association National Electrical Contractors Association National Roofing Contractors Association S Corporation Association Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of America