

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Dave Camp
Chairman
Committee on Ways and Means
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Sander Levin
Ranking Member
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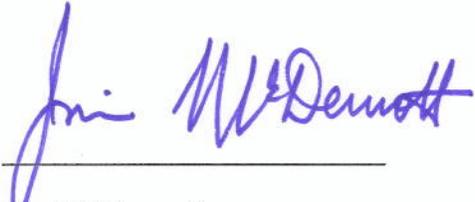
Dear Chairman Camp and Ranking Member Levin:

We encourage you to extend the state and local sales tax deduction, a provision that is soon-to-expire and one that is critical for residents of the State of Washington.

As you know, the sales tax deduction will expire on January 1, 2014. Millions of middle-class families in Washington State, Florida, Tennessee, South Dakota, Wyoming, Alaska, and Texas will face higher taxes if Congress does not act before the end of the year to extend the sales tax deduction. Extending the sales tax deduction is critical to ensuring equal tax treatment for residents of states that do not assess an income tax. If the deduction is not extended, millions of taxpayers living in states without an income tax will shoulder a larger share of the federal tax burden since they cannot claim the deduction.

We urge you and members of the Committee to maintain fairness and certainty in the tax code by extending the sales tax deduction. Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued support of the vital issue.

Sincerely,



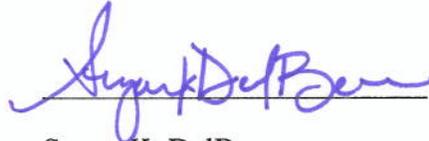
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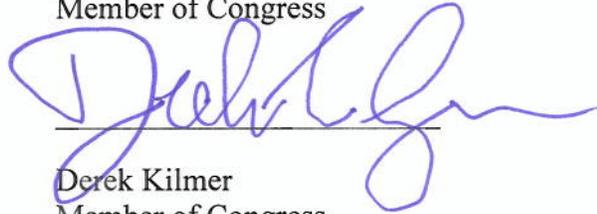
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