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The Honorable Charles Schumer
U.S. Senate Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Speaker of the House of Representatives
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ron Wyden
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Richard Neal
Chairman, Ways and Means Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ben Cardin
Chairman, Small Business Committee
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Nydia Velazquez
Chairwoman, Small Business Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

As an organization of small business owners and entrepreneurs representing over 500,000 members, we urge you to oppose a tax increase on small businesses.

During the 2020 campaign, then-candidate Joe Biden campaigned on the backs of small businesses saying, “they are critical to our collective success as a nation.” Now, we are hearing reports that President Biden is prepared to enact the largest federal tax hike in a generation, which will potentially have components that negatively impact small businesses.

This is extremely concerning to our small business owners and employees. Covid already taxed them enough, and they cannot afford to be taxed anymore.

Soon after President Trump signed the *Tax Cuts and Jobs Act* into law, America’s economy boomed as small business owners converted their tax savings into investments and higher wages for their workers. From 2017 until the Covid pandemic started in early 2020, America’s economy was firing on all cylinders. The unemployment rate hit a half-century low and wages were rising at the fastest rate in decades, especially for blue-collar and low-income workers. This was a direct result of the Trump tax cuts, which were enthusiastically supported by the 90-million-strong small business community.

The Covid pandemic has been challenging for all Americans, but it’s been especially brutal for small businesses who have borne the brunt of government-imposed lockdowns. Even now – more than a year since the lockdowns began – many states, including California and New York, are putting onerous restrictions on small businesses, including restaurants, gyms, and brick-and-mortar retail stores.



Today, America's economy remains in a precarious state. Seventeen million Americans are either unemployed or underemployed. With that in mind, we are disappointed and angry that President Biden and his allies in Congress think now is a great time to raise taxes.

What is being discussed inside the Biden Administration is, according to news reports, the largest federal tax hike in 28 years. This includes raising taxes on small businesses by 33 percent.

This week, Job Creators Network (JCN) came out against the tax proposal, erecting a billboard in Times Square with the message: "Biden wants to raise taxes on small businesses? HELL NO! NOT ON OUR WATCH!" The billboard promotes JCN's website JobLossJoe.com. This is the latest phase of JCN's "Bring Back Small Business" campaign, which will spend more than \$2 million and run into 2022.

President Biden and his allies in Congress should recognize the importance and value of the Trump tax cuts and let them continue. This should be a time for bipartisan cooperation, not partisan gamesmanship – especially with the pandemic continuing to take a toll.

We urge you to work with Republicans in Congress on a fair tax plan that builds on the success of the Trump tax cuts and protects small businesses.

We look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alfredo Ortiz". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alfredo Ortiz
President and CEO
Job Creators Network

CC: The Honorable Mitch McConnell
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy
The Honorable Mike Crapo
The Honorable Kevin Brady
The Honorable Rand Paul
The Honorable Blaine Luetkemeyer