

# KEY VOTE ALERT!

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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE UNITED STATES SENATE:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the world's largest business federation representing the interests of more than three million businesses and organizations of every size, sector, and region, strongly opposes S. 1769, the "Rebuild America Jobs Act," which would impose a burdensome and onerous tax increase on America's small businesses, entrepreneurs and other job creators. The Chamber urges you to oppose cloture on the motion to proceed to this deeply flawed legislation.

Congress must act to ensure transportation programs are more focused, deliver projects more efficiently, stretch limited federal dollars as far as possible, and leverage private investment and resources. For five years, the Chamber has called on Congress to approve legislation that both reforms surface transportation and aviation programs and, at a minimum, provide the resources required to maintain current levels of investment to prevent drastic cuts.

Unfortunately, the "Rebuild America Jobs Act" is a charade because it would do little to address these and other transportation infrastructure challenges. Instead, it would significantly impair the ability of small businesses and entrepreneurs to create jobs and grow the U.S. economy. This legislation only continues to delay and frustrate the serious and much-needed debate on the sustained long-term investment required to address America's infrastructure crisis.

The Chamber strongly opposes the job killing tax hikes on small businesses—the drivers of job creation and economic growth in America—provided in the "Rebuild America Jobs Act." Beginning in 2013, this legislation would impose a permanent 0.7% surtax on earned income of more than \$1 million.

Make no mistake: the Chamber believes there are specific steps Congress and the administration can take *right now*, particularly reauthorization of the long-expired surface transportation and aviation program legislation, to spur faster job growth in America's private sector without adding to the deficit. However, the Chamber believes the tax hike provided in S. 1769 would do harm to America's business owners – the entrepreneurs who we rely on to create new jobs in our economy – and would deter the investment our economy desperately needs, and would slow economic and job growth.

The Chamber urges you to oppose cloture on the motion to proceed to this deeply flawed legislation. **The Chamber may include votes on, or in relation to, this issue—including votes on the motion to proceed to S. 1769, in our annual *How They Voted* scorecard.**

Sincerely,

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