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The Small Business Technology Council (SBTC) commends Senate Finance Committee Chairman Ron Wyden (D-OR) and House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Jason Smith (R-MO) for working together to craft the the "Tax Relief for American Families and Workers Act of 2024". This bipartisan tax package would create much needed relief to innovative high-tech small businesses in America, many of whom would otherwise face a ruinous tax bill. It also incentivizes businesses to continue to invest in R&D work and help America's economy remain the most innovative in the world.

The SBTC urges Congress to quickly take up and pass this bipartisan legislation as soon as possible, and before the 2023 tax filing season begins on January 29. America's small businesses need the certainty and clarity the budget for this year, and any delay could result in these companies reducing risk and cutting R&D spending to hedge against a potentially higher tax bill. Prompt passage of this bill is essential for high tech small businesses to continue to innovate in 2024 and beyond.

Thank you,

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