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The Honorable Paul Ryan
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Democratic Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Speaker Ryan and Leader Pelosi:

We urge your support for H.Con.Res. 71, the Budget Resolution for FY '18, which includes reconciliation instructions that will allow for the ultimate enactment of tax reform.

The National Retail Federation believes that tax reform will boost the economy, helping small and large retailers, as well as our consumers. The U.S. has the highest corporate income tax rate in the industrialized world, which causes U.S. companies to move investment out of the country and is a disincentive for foreign companies to make larger investments here. Reducing the corporate rate will help attract investment to the U.S., which will help to increase wages and increase consumer spending. The NRF estimates that the high corporate tax rate pushes down wages by as much as \$4690 a year.

Importantly, the Unified Framework for Fixing Our Broken Tax Code reduces the corporate tax rate to a competitive 20% rate and provides a 25% rate for pass through businesses, which we believe keeps small businesses competitive with corporations, especially in light of the fact that corporate income is subject to double taxation. In addition, we believe that the increased standard deduction and child tax credit will benefit our consumers.

The FY '18 Budget Resolution is an important first step towards tax reform that will unleash economic growth in the United States. Please support H.Con. Res. 71.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives