**AFS ACTION ALERT
STOP HARMFUL TAX INCREASES –
CONTACT YOUR MEMBER OF CONGRESS TODAY!**

This week in the House, leading committees released and approved their specific plans to pay for trillions in new spending that Congress and the Administration are considering for its social spending package. This plan would impose severe tax increases and mandates on metalcasters of all sizes.

Congress needs to hear from metalcasters that it is **not** the time to pursue policies that will hurt competitiveness, and specifically, how these tax increases and new mandates will harm your business, employees, and customers**.** These tax increases could derail the country’s ongoing economic recovery, suppress capital investments and other projects at your foundry, and stunt wage growth. The Senate will be considering its own tax package as early as next week with different tax increases!

Here is a sample message to use with members of Congress – please personalize! Contact **Stephanie Salmon** in the AFS Washington Office at ssalmon@afsinc.org to obtain contact information for your lawmakers and their staffs.

**MESSAGE TO CONGRESS**

**SUBJECT – Tax increases will harm U.S. metalcasters and foundries in your state**

Congressman/Congresswoman XXX or Senator XXX:

As a constituent and owner of a foundry employing XXX in YOUR TOWN AND STATE, I am deeply concerned by the proposals being debated in Congress to increase my taxes and mandate new requirements on my business. These tax increases and mandates will harm my company and the nation’s economic recovery from the pandemic.

1. DESCRIBE YOUR COMPANY, HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN IN BUSINESS, WHAT TYPE OF CASTINGS YOU PRODUCE, AND WHAT SECTORS YOU SUPPLY TO.
2. DESCRIBE HOW TAX INCREASES WILL HURT YOUR FOUNDRY – On top of the pandemic, supply chain shortages, inflation, and workforce shortages. Will you be unable to purchase new machines, a 3D printer, and other types of equipment or services? Will you cut back on hiring?

**Problematic taxes and mandates for my manufacturing facility include**:
 [CHOOSE WHICH ONES WILL AFFECT YOUR COMPANY]

* Curtailing the Small Business Deduction (Section 199A)
* Raising the top corporate tax rate from 21% to 26.5%
* Increasing the effective top capital gains rate from 23.8% to 28.8%
* Imposing a new 3% surtax that includes business income
* Raising the income tax rate on individuals from 37% to 39.6%
* Creating a new 3.8% net investment income tax on active pass-through business income
* Creating a new federal paid family and medical leave program

You are in an important position to help protect manufacturers like mine. Adding more taxes and mandates will be devastating and will impact job creation, economic recovery, and growth.

Please avoid tax increases and mandates that would harm U.S. metalcasters in our state and across the country. I look forward to hearing back from you.

Regards,

Name

Title

Address