
Call to Action- WOTC Vote - Tax Extenders Bill

Now is a critical time to get the votes needed to get WOTC permanently into law.

What is WOTC?

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) is a Federal tax credit available to employers for hiring individuals from certain target groups who have consistently faced significant barriers to employment.

How can I help?

Please contact your congressional representative today and tell them that you strongly support making WOTC permanent and to urge Ways and Means committee to approve such a measure in the upcoming Tax Extenders bill.

Also, if one of the Ways and Means Committee members list below represents a state that your business has operations in, it's urgent that you put in a call to their Washington office at the numbers provided, ask for the Legislative Director or a Legislative Assistant because you have a critical legislative issue and decision is imminent. Provide the message below to the LD or LA and ask them to brief the congressman that you're asking him/her to call on Chairman Neal, stress the importance of permanent WOTC to our constituents and the Democratic Party, and ask for his pledge to get it done.

Here is a sample communication you could email, fax, or phone to your representative.

"We are seriously concerned that individuals may be undermining permanent authority for the work opportunity tax credit in the pending tax extenders bill. Permanent authority has eluded Congress for 22 years and it would be an appalling disappointment if a Democratic House fails to enact permanent authority of a program that's a pillar of the poverty safety net, widens opportunity for the mentally and physically disabled, and underpins job growth for veterans since the VOW To Hire Heroes Act credits were added to WOTC. WOTC works in tandem with EITC to provide income support, alleviates child poverty by affording part-time or full-time work for single parents, and is supported by many cities and county welfare and economic development agencies, 33 major national veterans' organizations, and the National Association of Governors' Committees For Employment of People With Disabilities. We urge you to promptly reach out to Chairman Neal while there is still time, and ask him to do everything possible to make the work opportunity tax credit permanent in the tax extenders bill."

Below are some key members on the Ways and Means Committee;

James E Clyburn (D-SC), Majority Whip, <https://clyburn.house.gov/contact-me/email-me> Tel: 202-225-2315, Fax: 202-225-2313

John Lewis (D-GA), Ways and Means, <https://johnlewis.house.gov/contact-me/email> Tel: 202-225-3801, Fax: 202-225-0351

Lloyd Doggett (D-TX), Ways and Means, <https://doggett.house.gov/contact/email> Tel: 202-225-4865, Fax: 202-225-3073

John B Larson (D-CT), Ways and Means, <https://larson.house.gov/contact/email> Tel: 202-225-2265, Fax: 202-225-1031

Bill Pascrell, Jr (D-NJ), Ways and Means, <https://pascrell.house.gov/contact/> Tel: 202-225-5751, Fax: 202-225-5782

Earl Blumenauer (D-OR), Ways and Means, <https://blumenauerforms.house.gov/forms/writeyourrep/> Tel: 202-225-4811, Fax: 202-225-8941

Ron Kind (D-WI), Ways and Means <https://kind.house.gov/contact> Tel: 202-225-5506, Fax: 202-225-5739

Linda T. Sanchez (D-CA), Ways and Means, <https://lindasanchez.house.gov/contact/email> Tel: 202-225-6676, Fax: 202-226-1012

Brian Higgins (D-NY), Ways and Means, <https://higgins.house.gov/contact> Tel: 202-225-3306, Fax: 202-226-0347

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