
Call to Action- WOTC Vote - Tax Extenders Bill

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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?

Discussions are occurring in the House Ways and Means Committee to decide whether or not to extend the WOTC Program beyond its current expiration date of 12/31/2019 and if so, for how long. Now is a critical time to get the votes needed to get WOTC permanently into law. Please contact your congressional representative today and tell them that you strongly support making WOTC permanent and would like them to contact Congressman Richard Neal, Chairman, Ways and Means committee, urging him to approve such a measure in the upcoming Tax Extenders bill.

Below is the sample communication which can be emailed, faxed or phoned to your representative to highlight some of the benefits of the WOTC program and to urge them to support its extension:

"Since 1997, Congress has used the Work Opportunity Tax Credit as an incentive to employers to hire workers from targeted groups of the disadvantaged, thereby expanding opportunity for those facing poverty and other barriers to employment. It would be an appalling disappointment if Congress fails to enact permanent authority of a program that is a pillar of the poverty safety net, widens opportunity for the mentally and physically disabled, and underpins job growth for veterans. 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 city 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."

Also, if one of the Ways and Means Committee members listed 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 and ask for the Legislative Director or a Legislative Assistant because you have an important legislative issue and decision is imminent. Provide the message above to the LD or LA and ask them to brief the congressman that you're asking him/her to call on Chairman Neal, stressing the importance of permanent WOTC to constituents and asking for his pledge to get it done.

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

Dan Kildee (MI), Ways and Means, <https://dankildee.house.gov/contact/email> Tel: 202-225-3611, Fax: 202-225-6393