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CONGRESS URGED TO EXTEND EXPIRED R&D TAX CREDIT BEFORE END OF SECOND SESSION

Washington, D.C. – September 21, 2010 - The R&D Credit Coalition issued the following statement today about the urgent need for Congress to seamlessly extend the now expired R&D tax credit before the end of the second session:

With few legislative days remaining in the second session of the 111th Congress, the R&D Credit Coalition urges Congress to enact before the end of the second session a seamless extension of the R&D tax credit. Since the credit expired on December 31, 2009, companies across the country have been coping with the uncertainty of the credit's future in addition to the overall economic uncertainty. Since its inception in 1981, the credit has spurred critical U.S.-based innovation and economic growth.

The credit is truly a jobs credit with more than 70% of the benefits attributable to salaries and wages of U.S. workers performing R&D in the U.S. An Ernst & Young, LLP study found that the credit stimulates innovation-producing R&D investments in all 50 states by as many as 18,000 or more small, medium and large sized companies. With expiration approaching nine months, companies are forced to rely less and less on the credit when making decisions about investing in new projects.

Every day the R&D credit remains expired, the high-paying U.S. jobs, innovation, economic growth and revenue to the U.S. Treasury it supports are placed in jeopardy. TechAmerica has estimated that the expiration of the credit through the first week in September has cost the U.S. \$11.2 billion in economic growth, 83,000 jobs and over \$9.4 billion in funds to the U.S Treasury.

The R&D Credit Coalition will continue to advocate for a strengthened, permanent R&D credit such as proposed in bipartisan stand-alone bills introduced in both chambers this Congress and supported by the Administration. A strengthened, permanent credit has the potential to create thousands of new high-paying U.S. jobs, add billions of dollars to our GDP, spur countless new innovations and add billions in new tax revenues to the U.S. Treasury.

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