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Dear Members of the United States Senate:

Business Roundtable commends the Leadership of the House of Representatives and the Administration for championing U.S. economic growth with their targeted, short-term stimulus plan announced yesterday. This package will put a meaningful amount of cash into consumer's pockets quickly and provides incentives for businesses to invest immediately, providing the boost that this economy needs.

We now urge Congress to approve stimulus legislation for the President's signature as quickly as possible. Legislation, if enacted, now will help avoid a further economic downturn. A delay in enacting this legislation postpones an important boost to the economy and can be counterproductive if implemented too late.

In a recent letter to the President and Congress, Business Roundtable urged Congress to pass and the President to sign such legislation in the next 30 days. Now that a bipartisan agreement has been reached, its enactment should be straightforward.

Business Roundtable's highest priority is sustained growth of the U.S. economy. Our members, including 160 chief executive officers of leading U.S. corporations with a combined workforce of nearly 10 million employees and over \$4.5 trillion in annual revenues, applaud the progress that Congress and the Administration have shown to date and look forward to the immediate enactment of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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