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The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker
United States House of Representatives
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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Minority Leader
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Dear Leaders:

On behalf of Verizon and our thousands of suppliers, most of which are small businesses, we urge you to support passage of [H.R. 4718](#), which would permanently extend 50 percent expensing, which expired at the end of last year.

The outlook for the overall economy has improved recently, yet we still need policies that will ensure that economic growth continues. The 2.9 percent decline in GDP last quarter is a reminder that the economy still needs further improvement. We encourage you to do all you can to keep the economy moving in the right direction.

Capital investment is vital because it drives productivity growth, and productivity drives higher economic growth. Permanence makes sense since Congress has passed some form of partial or 100 percent expensing for ten of the last 13 years. Employers and their suppliers need certainty in the law so that they can make the investments needed to grow the economy even while facing the headwinds of the highest corporate income tax rates in the world. Incentives for capital investment remain critical to productivity growth and our overall economic recovery.

Fifty percent expensing incents companies like ours to increase their investment in, and speed their transition to infrastructure and manufacturing technologies, such as broadband. This drives higher efficiency, competitiveness and job creation across the entire U.S. economy. For example, it is estimated that for every \$1 invested in broadband networks the economy will benefit by \$3 of additional economic activity.

Full and partial expensing provisions enacted since 2008 have been valuable in promoting investment, but to bolster economic growth, bonus depreciation needs to be extended permanently and soon to provide certainty for capital investment.

We look forward to working with you to ensure that this legislation is enacted into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Davidson".

cc: Members of the U.S. House of Representatives