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The Honorable William Thomas  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways and Means  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

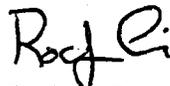
Dear Chairman Thomas:

Amgen supports the passage of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (H.R. 4520) and greatly appreciates your leadership on this legislation.

As a biotechnology company committed to making a difference in patients' lives, Amgen strongly supports the extension of the research and development (R&D) tax credit. We believe it is vital to the competitive position of U.S. companies in research-intensive industries like biotechnology. Amgen is also pleased that the repatriation incentive is included in this legislation, and looks forward to working with you to ensure the provision is as effective as possible.

Amgen hopes that the House of Representatives will promptly pass this critical piece of legislation that will help Americans compete worldwide and will increase the ability of U.S.-based employers to create and preserve jobs in the U.S. We look forward to continuing to work with you and with members of the House to secure its passage.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Speaker of the House J. Dennis Hastert  
Majority Leader Tom DeLay  
Majority Whip Roy Blunt