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The Honorable William M. Thomas, Chairman
U.S. House of Representatives
Committee on Ways and Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thomas,

Genentech strongly supports the passage of the *American Jobs Creation Act of 2004* (H.R. 4520). We greatly appreciate your leadership on this legislation and support the incentives for U.S. manufacturers offered in this critically important bill.

Genentech remains a very strong supporter of the research and development (R&D) tax credit, and appreciates the very positive step of including an extension of that research incentive in the legislation. The R&D tax credit has been an essential tool in continuing U.S. leadership in the biotechnology, high technology, and other research-oriented industries. U.S.-based biotechnology R&D has led to breakthrough medicines that are providing cures to major unmet medical needs for Americans. Genentech hopes that the House of Representatives will promptly pass this critical piece of legislation and help American companies compete worldwide.

We look forward to working with members of the House of Representatives to ensure passage of this legislation that will increase the ability of U.S.-based employers to create and preserve jobs in the United States.

Sincerely,



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cc: The Honorable Dennis J. Hastert
The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
The Honorable Charles B. Rangel