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The Honorable Ron Johnson
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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
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Senators Johnson and Baldwin,

As the United States Senate prepares to address the critical issue of tax reform, I wanted to write and express my opinion on this historic legislation. As a candidate for Wisconsin's 3rd Congressional District, I am very supportive of reforming our tax code and the bill passed by the House of Representatives. However, I believe changes can be made to further improve this vital legislation.

The current legislation passed by the House eliminates the Domestic Production Activities Deduction, otherwise known as Section 199. This provision in the tax code is vital to areas like Western and Central Wisconsin. Cooperatives and farmers don't operate like traditional businesses and this deduction is a key component to their success and fair prices they provide. It would greatly improve this legislation if this deduction could be restored in the Senate and final versions of the bill.

I want to reiterate that I am in support of this legislation and it needs to be a priority of the Senate to pass this bill and send it to President Trump's desk for signing. Tax reform will jumpstart our economy and put more money in the pockets of hard working Americans. With this simple change, a good bill can be a great bill.

I appreciate your consideration and hope you ultimately support this critical legislation. We all look forward to the coming weeks of debate.

Sincerely,

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