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# From Main Street: Pro-growth Tax Policy is Vital for Small Business

*Small businesses share why extending the 2017 tax reforms is vital to growth and investment across America*



In December 2017, Congress passed the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA), the most comprehensive tax reform legislation since 1986. The TCJA significantly reduced and simplified the federal income tax burden for American families and workers and modernized the taxation of business income. However, many of the TCJA's key reforms are temporary and set to expire at the end of 2025.

Several small business owners on the U.S. Chamber's Small Business Council discuss the impact of the 2017 tax reforms and what's at stake if they're allowed to expire at the end of 2025.



## Why should Congress extend the 2017 tax reforms?

"I'm not concerned about competition. I'm not as concerned about the economy; I'm concerned about government regulation and overtaxing. Because when they take that kind of tax cut away from us, it will substantially decrease our ability to grow."

– Larry Kidd

"Some of them [tax reforms] have already expired. Our tax liability has gone up by almost 30%, and that limits our ability to invest in additional jobs, make new products, and innovate in new areas of opportunity. I am worried about 2025 and the additional tax cliffs that we're facing if something drastically different isn't done quickly."

– Natalie Kaddas

## Why are small business voices vital to the 2025 tax cliff debate?

“I think tax reform is something that small business owners always pay attention to. Anytime taxes are being discussed, we’re listening.”

– Traci Tapani, co-president of sheet metal workshop Wyoming Machine Inc. in Stacy, Minnesota

“The small business community is the backbone of the American economy, and 90% of the private workforce work for small businesses. So, we need to do what we can to make it easier, not harder for them.”

– Natalie Kaddas, CEO of Kaddas Enterprises, a plastic fabrication company in Salt Lake City, Utah.

“With high inflation, high interest rates, high cost of labor now, and difficulty in finding people, this is not the time to let [2017 tax cuts expire]. We have to get this pushed through, we have to extend it, and frankly, we need to make it permanent.”

– Larry Kidd, President and CEO of :hire, a staffing agency in Columbus, Ohio.

## What does a competitive tax code mean for small businesses?

“For us to make an investment in robotics, for example, as a small business, it’s over a \$1 million dollar investment. That is substantial and having a tax policy that helps us write that off quickly and use accelerated depreciation helps us reinvest back into our organization.”

– Natalie Kaddas

“I need to plan and know how much money I’m going to be paying the federal government so that I can make decisions about what I can invest in my business to continually improve it. As a small manufacturer, I just can’t keep spending and spending to cover unplanned expenses. It makes business harder to do.”

– Traci Tapani

## Recent polling from the U.S. Chamber shows:

# 80%

Voters who expressed concern that increasing taxes on U.S. businesses will lead to higher prices.

# 93%

People who think American families and businesses are already paying enough in taxes.