

# United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Donald J. Trump  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

Under your Administration, the United States has leapfrogged the rest of the world and now is the most competitive country in the world, according to annual rankings by the Switzerland-based IMD World Competitiveness Center. This is a truly remarkable feat that has its roots in the pro-growth tax reform developed by your administration and Congress.

Unfortunately, our pro-growth reforms could be perceived as a threat to the European Union (EU). Hence, we need a strong advocate to represent the United States as Ambassador to the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD).

The European Commission has proposed a tax on digital services intended to make technology companies pay more. The commission is calling for a 3-percent tax on the turnover of large digital enterprises – those with EU digital revenues over \$58 million and total global revenues of over \$877 million. The commission claims this tax is a facially neutral attempt to tax digital service providers without a physical presence, yet over 50 percent of the companies affected are U.S. based.

The EU has also asked the OECD to review the international provisions of the Tax Cuts and Job Act (TCJA), which are designed to curb the very practices that this digital services tax alleges to address. The best course of action for European countries is to enact pro-growth tax reform like the TCJA, instead of seeking to target U.S. companies through international bodies. We need a strong and powerful voice defending the United States and U.S.-based companies at the OECD. As such, we respectfully request you nominate an Ambassador to the OECD as quickly as possible. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



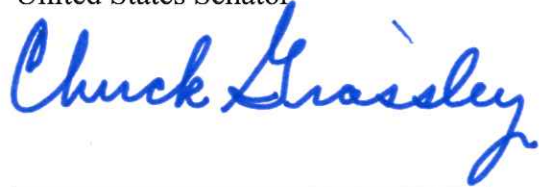
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