

# *The Tax Extenders Act of 2009*

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**Summary:** The *Tax Extenders Act of 2009* would provide individuals and businesses with approximately \$30 billion in tax relief in 2009 by extending for one year (through 2010) more than forty provisions that are scheduled to expire at the end of 2009. This \$30 billion in tax relief includes more than \$5 billion in individual tax relief and more than \$17 billion in business tax relief. The *Tax Extenders Act of 2009* also extends more than \$7 billion of tax provisions that encourage charitable contributions, provide community development incentives, provide tax relief in the event of a Presidentially-declared disaster, and support the deployment of alternative vehicles and alternative fuels. The *Tax Extenders Act of 2009* provides this relief without adding to the deficit.

## **I. TRADITIONAL TAX EXTENDERS**

### **a. INDIVIDUAL PROVISIONS**

**Extension of the deduction of State and local general sales taxes.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the election to take an itemized deduction for State and local general sales taxes in lieu of the itemized deduction permitted for State and local income taxes. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$1.846 billion over 10 years.*

**Extension of the additional standard deduction for real property taxes.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the additional standard deduction for State and local real property taxes. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$1.460 billion over 10 years.*

**Extension of the above-the-line deduction for qualified tuition and related expenses.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the above-the-line tax deduction for qualified education expenses. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$1.529 billion over 10 years.*

**Extension of the above-the-line deduction for certain expenses of elementary and secondary school teachers.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the \$250 above-the-line tax deduction for teachers and other school professionals for expenses paid or incurred for books, supplies (other than non-athletic supplies for courses of instruction in health or physical education), computer equipment (including related software and service), other equipment, and supplementary materials used by the educator in the classroom. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$228 million over 10 years.*

### **b. BUSINESS PROVISIONS**

**Extension of the R&D credit.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the research credit. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$6.966 billion over 10 years.*

**Extension of active financing exception.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the active financing exception from Subpart F of the tax code. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$3.923 billion over 10 years.*

**Extension of look-through treatment of payments between related controlled foreign corporations.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the current law look-through treatment of payments between related controlled foreign corporations. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$574 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of 15-year straight-line cost recovery for qualified leasehold, restaurant and retail improvements.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the special 15-year cost recovery period for certain leasehold, restaurant and retail improvements. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$5.390 billion over 10 years.*

**Extension of 7-year straight line cost recovery period for motorsports entertainment complexes.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the special 7-year cost recovery period for property used for land improvement and support facilities at motorsports entertainment complexes. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$45 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of railroad track maintenance credit.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the railroad track maintenance credit. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$165 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of special expensing rules for U.S. film and television productions.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that allows film and television producers to expense the first \$15 million of production costs incurred in the United States (\$20 million if the costs are incurred in economically depressed areas in the United States). *This proposal is estimated to cost \$51 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of expensing of "brownfields" environmental remediation costs.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that allows for the expensing of costs associated with cleaning up hazardous ("brownfield") sites. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$159 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of mine rescue team training credit.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the credit for training mine rescue team members. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$1 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of election to expense advanced mine safety equipment.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that provides businesses with fifty percent (50%) bonus depreciation for certain qualified underground mine safety equipment. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$5 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of employer wage credit for activated military reservists.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that provides eligible small business employers with a credit against the taxpayer's income tax liability for a taxable year in an amount equal to twenty

percent (20%) of the sum of differential wage payments to activated military reservists. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$4 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of five-year depreciation for farming business machinery and equipment.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that provides a five-year recovery period for certain machinery and equipment which is used in a farming business. *This proposal is revenue neutral over 10 years.*

**Extension of special rules for regulated investment companies.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the tax treatment of interest-related dividends, short-term capital gain dividends, and other special rules applicable to foreign shareholders that invest in regulated investment companies. *These proposals are estimated to cost \$94 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of special rule for percentage depletion for marginal wells.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the suspension on the taxable income limit for purposes of depleting a marginal oil or gas well. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$104 million over 10 years.*

### c. CHARITABLE PROVISIONS

**Extension of provision encouraging contributions of capital gain real property for conservation purposes.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the increased contribution limits and carryforward period for amounts in excess of these limits for contributions of appreciated real property (including partial interests in real property) for conservation purposes. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$159 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of enhanced charitable deduction for contributions of food inventory.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision allowing businesses to claim an enhanced deduction for the contribution of food inventory. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$78 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of enhanced charitable deduction for contributions of book inventories to public schools.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision allowing C corporations to claim an enhanced deduction for contributions of book inventory to public schools (kindergarten through grade 12). *This proposal is estimated to cost \$31 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of enhanced deduction for corporate contributions of computer equipment for educational purposes.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that encourages businesses to contribute computer equipment and software to elementary, secondary, and post-secondary schools by allowing an enhanced deduction for such contributions. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$195 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of tax-free distributions from individual retirement plans for charitable purposes.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that permits tax-free charitable contributions from an Individual Retirement Account (IRA) of up to \$100,000 per taxpayer, per taxable year. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$591 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of special tax treatment of certain payments to controlling exempt organizations.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the special rules for interest, rents, royalties and annuities received by a tax exempt entity from a controlled entity. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$20 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of exclusion of gain on the sale or exchange of certain brownfield sites from unrelated business taxable income.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that excludes any gain or loss from the qualified sale, exchange, or other disposition of any qualified brownfield property from unrelated business taxable income. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$47 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of special rule for S corporations making charitable contributions of property.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision allowing S corporation shareholders to take into account their pro rata share of charitable deductions even if such deductions would exceed such shareholder's adjusted basis in the S corporation. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$37 million over 10 years.*

**d. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

**Extension of Indian employment credit.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the business tax credit for employers of qualified employees that work and live on or near an Indian reservation. The credit is for wages and health insurance costs paid to qualified employees (up to \$20,000) in the current year over the amount paid in 1993. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$49 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of accelerated depreciation for business property on an Indian reservation.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the placed-in-service date for the special depreciation recovery period for qualified Indian reservation property. In general, qualified Indian reservation property is property used predominantly in the active conduct of a trade or business within an Indian reservation, which is not used outside the reservation on a regular basis and was not acquired from a related person. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$125 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of deduction allowable with respect to income attributable to domestic production activities in Puerto Rico.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision extending the section 199 domestic production activities deduction to activities in Puerto Rico. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$185 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of temporary increase in limit on cover over of rum excise tax revenues to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision providing for payment of \$13.25 per gallon to cover over a \$13.50 per proof gallon excise tax on distilled spirits produced in or imported into the United States. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$110 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of American Samoa economic development credit.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the American Samoa economic development credit. In general, this credit provides certain domestic corporations operating in American Samoa with a possessions tax

credit to offset their U.S. tax liability on income earned in American Samoa from active business operations, sales of assets used in a business, or certain investments in American Samoa. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$18 million over 10 years.*

## II. EXPIRING COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

**Extension of tax incentives for Empowerment Zones.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the designation of certain economically depressed census tracts as Empowerment Zones. Businesses and individual residents within Empowerment Zones are eligible for special tax incentives. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$381 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of tax incentives for Renewal Communities.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the designation of certain economically depressed census tracts as Renewal Communities. Businesses and individual residents within Renewal Communities are eligible for special tax incentives. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$786 million over 10 years.*

**New markets tax credit.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2011) the new markets tax credit, permitting a maximum annual amount of qualified equity investments of \$3.5 billion. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$1.402 billion over 10 years.*

**Extension of tax incentives for the District of Columbia.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the designation of certain economically depressed census tracts within the District of Columbia as the District of Columbia Enterprise Zone. Businesses and individual residents within this enterprise zone are eligible for special tax incentives. The bill would also extend for one year (through 2010) the \$5,000 first-time homebuyer credit for the District of Columbia. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$17 million over 10 years.*

## III. EXPIRING GENERAL DISASTER TAX RELIEF PROVISIONS

**Extension of expanded and enhanced casualty loss deductions relating to federal disasters.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that allows taxpayers who have suffered loss as a result of a Federally-declared disaster to claim a deduction for casualty losses (i.e., both itemizers and non-itemizers) and would allow these taxpayers to calculate their casualty loss deduction without regard to their adjusted gross income. The bill would also extend for one year (through 2010) the current law \$500 per loss threshold. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$728 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of expensing of qualified disaster expenses.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that allows businesses that have been adversely affected by a Federally-declared disaster to write off and immediately recover demolition, repair (regardless of whether repair costs are incurred due to a casualty event), clean-up, and environmental remediation expenses ("Qualified Disaster Expenses"). *This proposal is estimated to cost \$32 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of five-year carry-back period for certain losses relating to federal disasters.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that allows businesses to carry back

to the previous five years the following losses: (1) casualty losses that are attributable to a Federally-declared disaster; and (2) Qualified Disaster Expenses. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$129 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of relaxed mortgage revenue bond limitations for federal disasters.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that allows states to use their tax-exempt housing bonds to provide loans to repair or reconstruct homes and rental housing units that have been rendered unsafe for use as a residence by reason of a Federally-declared disaster or have been demolished or relocated by reason of government order on account of a Federally-declared disaster. Such loans are limited to the lower of (1) the actual cost of the repair or reconstruction or (2) \$150,000. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$19 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of bonus depreciation for qualified disaster property.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that permits businesses that suffered damage as a result of a Federally-declared disaster to claim an additional first-year depreciation deduction equal to 50 percent of the cost of new real and personal property investments made in the Presidentially-declared disaster area. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$1.434 billion over 10 years.*

**Extension of increased small business expensing for expenditures relating to federal disasters.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that increases by \$100,000 (or the cost of qualified property, if less) the amount of expensing available for qualifying expenditures made in a Presidentially-declared disaster area. The bill would also extend for one year (through 2010) the provision that increases by \$600,000 (or the cost of qualified property, if less) the level of investment at which the small business expensing benefits phase-out. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$1 million over 10 years.*

#### **IV. EXPIRING ENERGY TAX PROVISIONS**

**Extension of the alternative motor vehicle credit for heavy hybrids.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the alternative motor vehicle credit for so-called heavy hybrids (i.e., hybrid motor vehicles that are not passenger automobiles or light trucks). *This proposal is estimated to cost \$2 million over 10 years.*

**Extension of tax incentives for biodiesel and renewable diesel.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the \$1.00 per gallon production tax credit for biodiesel and the small agri-biodiesel producer credit of 10 cents per gallon. The bill would also extend for one year (through 2010) the \$1.00 per gallon production tax credit for diesel fuel created from biomass. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$1.008 billion over 10 years.*

**Extension of tax incentive for natural gas and propane used as a fuel in transportation vehicles.** The bill would extend for one year (through 2010) the \$0.50 per gallon production tax credit for natural gas and propane used as a transportation fuel. The bill would not extend this credit for propane used to power forklifts. *This proposal is estimated to cost \$XX million over 10 years.*

**Extension of special rule for sales of electric transmission property.** The bill would extend for one year (for sales prior to January 1, 2011) the present law deferral of gain on sales of transmission property by vertically integrated electric utilities to FERC-approved independent transmission companies. Rather than recognizing the full amount of gain in the year of sale, this provision would allow gain on such sales to be recognized ratably over an eight-year period. *This proposal is revenue neutral over 10 years.*