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The Honorable Orrin G. Hatch, Chairman
Committee on Finance
United States Senate
219 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Secretary/Treasurer
Constantine Baranoff, Kronick Moskowitz

Dear Chairman Hatch:

Board Members
Sandi Burgoyne, Poway USD
Joe Dixon, Santa Ana USD
Don Ulrich, Clovis USD

As the Finance Committee begins consideration of Tax Extenders, Californians for School Facilities (CSF) is writing to support the Rebuilding America's Schools Act S. 1753 to extend, improve and make permanent the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) program.

Board Member Emeritus
Lettie Boggs, Colbi Technologies

CSF supports the Qualified Zone Academy Bond program originally enacted in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 and extended by Congress with bipartisan support. QZABs are a cost effective program used by school districts in every state to renovate, repair and modernize school buildings and classrooms; QZABs are helping finance the repair and renovation of schools in Oregon. California school districts in every California Congressional district have used over \$1 billion in QZABs to help finance the renovation and repair of California schools and classrooms.

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The Qualified Zone Academy Bond program has provided federal financing for the rehabilitation and repair of public school facilities in school districts in Utah, Oregon, Iowa, Texas, Idaho, New York, Ohio, North Carolina, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Nevada, Michigan and virtually every state. School districts use QZAB bonds to renovate schools and classrooms in communities across the country.

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The federal support provided by QZABs is important to our efforts in California to maintain technologically and energy efficient schools and classrooms. The QZAB program should be extended.

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CSF urges the Finance Committee to support the Rebuilding America's Schools Act to permanently extend and improve the Qualified Zone Academy Bond program to help local communities provide the efficient, healthy, sustainable and technologically advanced schools our students need to succeed in the 21st Century.

Sincerely,

Joshua Jorn
Chair, Californians for School Facilities