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May 6, 2014

Mr. David Camp, Chairman  
Ways and Means Committee Office  
1102 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Camp:

Californians for School Facilities (CSF) is a statewide association of school districts and businesses involved with school facilities. We are writing to encourage you to include a permanent extension of the Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) tax credit bond authority, along with the local match change (reduction from 10 percent to 5 percent) as approved by the Senate Finance Committee. We also request that the Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) tax credit bond program also be extended permanently. Both programs help California schools address needed capital facility needs. During the past decade, state and local school facility funding has exceeded \$60 billion dollars, but we still have at least \$118 billion in additional need for the next decade. While the state and local school districts will shoulder the majority of the financing need, a federal partnership would help reduce the additional costs to the state and local taxpayers.

QZABs and Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs) are helping to finance school construction, modernization, renovation, and repair programs across the country. In California, school districts have used \$666,189,977 in QZAB bonds to renovate and repair California schools since 1998 when the QZAB program began. Qualified School Construction Bonds are providing \$2.6 billion in financing for California school districts to build, renovate, and modernize schools in local California communities, enabling school districts to invest limited resources in education programs and services.

For these reasons, CSF requests the permanent extension of the QZAB and the QSCB programs. Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this letter or CSF, please contact either of us. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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