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Statement from Dick Patten, President of the Family Business Defense Council:

On behalf of our children, our grandchildren, our farms, our businesses and our workers we want to thank Sen. John Thune and Rep. Kevin Brady for the *Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act*.

America's family farms and family businesses are under attack as never before in the United States. Successful enterprises used to be known as the "American Dream". Now we are shackled by government over-regulation, ever-increasing taxes and a climate hostile to entrepreneurs and builders of businesses.

After a lifetime of hard work, long hours and paying all of our taxes, the final confiscation of property through Death Taxes is government's most destructive act.

The real heroes of the American economy are the entrepreneurs, the farmers, the family business owners who are the engines of America's growth. As America grows and prospers there are more jobs. More opportunity. Better wages. ...yes, and even more tax revenues.

The *Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act* is a big step toward bringing back America's family businesses and farms. I pledge to work for its early passage.

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