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The President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

No challenge facing our nation is more critical than creating jobs and putting Americans back to work. You made that clear during your State of the Union address, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce applauds you for it.

To create jobs, the Chamber and the American business community will support your goals of doubling exports in five years, expanding the use of nuclear power and offshore exploration for natural resources, implementing performance-based education reforms, improving worker training, and rebuilding our infrastructure.

If we act on these goals effectively and without delay, we can spur economic growth, create jobs, and ensure that Americans can compete and win in a new global economy.

While we don't agree with every idea in your speech, we support the priorities I have mentioned and will work vigorously to achieve them. Decisive action, grounded in common sense, will go a long way towards easing the tremendous uncertainties that are today discouraging business investment and job creation.

You hit the nail on the head last night when you said that in times of adversity, Americans of all backgrounds and political persuasions come together to find common ground and tackle big challenges. As the dreamers, doers, and job creators, the American business community is ready to partner with the government to revitalize our economy and move our country forward.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.