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Small Business Committees, by providing testimony on small business issues, participating in key legislative meetings and educating members of Congress and their staffs on issues of importance to small business.

SBCA is:

• Your REPRESENTATIVE in Washington, D.C., where tax, retirement, pension, employee benefits, and health care matters.

• Your TAX THINK TANK protecting your privately owned business.

• Your ACCESS to Congress and the federal agencies including the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Labor.

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WHY IS THE SBCA NEEDED?

Why Should I Join SBCA?

Our country needs vibrant, productive, independent businesses. Small businesses generate most of the new jobs in the United States. Their interests, however, are often overlooked as legislation is formulated because they cannot afford to pay counsel and lobbyists to draft and monitor legislation. The SBCA has the resources, expertise, and capabilities to effectively respond to legislative and regulatory developments so that the voice of small business is heard loud and clear.

The SBCA Needs You!

To continue its efforts to maintain an effective tax and benefits system for small business and to make sure your concerns are heard and understood in Washington, we need your financial support.

BENEFITS WE OFFER YOU

- Alerts on current events and issues that affect you, your business and/or your clients.
- Periodic bulletins and webinars on important topics.
- Political representation in Washington, DC.
- Explanations of the major tax, pension, and health care issues facing privately held and family owned businesses.
- Access to Members of Congress, their staffs and relevant executive agencies.
- SBCA Annual Congressional Awards Recognition - Held each May in Washington, DC provides members with an opportunity to engage with other successful small business owners and advisors, to recognize and hear from Senators and Representatives who have helped small businesses, and to honor the winners of the SBCA Mort Harris Small Business Person of the Year Award, the SBCA Humanitarian of the Year Award and the SBCA Connie Murdoch Award.

Every privately held business needs a “voice” in Washington to protect its interests before Congress and the administrative agencies.

THE SBCA NEEDS YOU!

Legislative Battles

Legislative Focus of SBCA

- Simplify and obtain more favorable tax treatment for small businesses and their owners.
- Oppose new taxes on small businesses.
- Work to reduce regulatory burdens on small businesses.
- Keep the voluntary retirement plan system working for small businesses.
- Promote the interests of small businesses and their employees in the health care area.
- Oppose federal mandates in employee benefits.
- Simplify and improve Cafeteria Plans and Employee Stock Ownership Plans (ESOPs).
- Promote the stability of the estate tax system.
- Achieve tax rate parity between corporations and pass-through entities.
- Repeal unfair discrimination rules, and to throw out the retirement plan to an IRA.
- Non-spouse beneficiaries to roll over their interests in a $3.5 million, and reuniting the gift and estate tax systems to work to improve unfair “listed transaction” income tax (Minimum Tax) provisions, and to gain extensions of higher estate tax (Estate Tax) provisions, and revenue raisers could have on small businesses.
- Successfully worked with Congress to enact permanent favorable estate tax and AMT (Alternative Minimum Tax) provisions, and to gain extensions of higher expensing and depreciation for small businesses.
- Successfully worked with Congress to get the SIMPLE Cafeteria Plan legislation enacted. Successfully worked to improve unfair “listed transaction” income tax penalties.
- Successfully worked with Congress to get the 401(k) “safe harbors” estate freezes.
- Successfully led the charge to repeal the onerous IRC § 404A rules.
- Successfully persuaded Congress to allow non-spouse beneficiaries to roll over their interests in a retirement plan an IRA.
- Worked with Congress to maintain the step-up in basis on death.
- Continued to work to improve Cafeteria Plans for small businesses by allowing owners to participate in the plan, reform unfair discrimination rules, and to throw out the unfair “unint” or “lose if” rules.

2017 Successfully worked with Congress to make the tax reform bill as favorable as possible for privately owned businesses.
2016 Successfully championed the Small Business Health Care Reform Act to allow businesses with under 50 employees to once again reimburse employees for their premiums for individual coverage on a pre-tax basis without facing precarious penalties.
2015 Successfully worked with Congress to extend or make permanent key small business tax provisions.
2014 Worked to protect the qualified retirement plan system by opposing proposals to cut back on contributions and eliminate the stretch IRA.
2013-2017 Engaged with the House Ways and Means Committee Tax Reform Working Groups and the Senate Finance Committee to educate the Committee members and their staffs about the impact that different tax reform proposals and revenue raisers could have on small businesses.
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2010 Successfully worked with Congress to get the SIMPLE Cafeteria Plan legislation enacted. Successfully worked to improve unfair “listed transaction” income tax penalties.
2009 Worked to provide estate tax certainty for small businesses, increasing the estate tax exemption to $3.5 million, and reducing the gift and estate tax systems to permit larger tax-free gifts. Worked with IRS to stop requiring frequent retirement plan amendments.
2008 Worked to fix the AMT. Worked to remove small businesses from the reach of the onerous IRC § 404A rules.
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