



## CDFA – SAMPLE LETTER

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DATE

The Honorable (FULL NAME)

(UNITED STATES SENATE or UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES)

(ROOM NUMBER BUILDING NAME)

Washington, DC 20515

Dear Senator/Representative NAME,

Tax-exempt **Private Activity Bonds** are a crucial and instrumental financing tool that spurs local economic development, private sector investment and job creation. We write to urge you to protect **Private Activity Bonds**, and strike Section 3601 of H.R. 1, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

**Private Activity Bonds** have assisted in financing our nation's most critical and important public facilities and infrastructure, including hospitals, schools, highways, bridges, railways, water and sewage facilities, energy facilities, low-income housing, and countless others. By eliminating **Private Activity Bonds**, the ability of communities around the country to finance these projects will also be eliminated, as governments and project sponsors will be forced to borrow at higher interest rates.

We understand the importance of streamlining the tax code and growing revenue; however, any tax reform legislation that eliminates **Private Activity Bonds** would be devastating to economic development at the state and local levels, and would undermine the purported economic gains of any tax reform. While low-cost capital access remains the primary strength of **Private Activity Bonds**, job creation is one of the most critical elements in the use of this important tool for economic development purposes.

We ask that you reject any provisions that curtail or eliminate **Private Activity Bonds** from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. **Private Activity Bonds** are a staple of economic development efforts nationally, and our cities and states would be dramatically and disastrously impacted by their loss. To learn more our efforts to **#PreservePABs**, visit [www.cdfa.net](http://www.cdfa.net).

Sincerely,

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