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The Honorable Vern Buchanan
United States House of Representatives
2104 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for the Buchanan-Sanchez "Support Our Start-Ups Act"

Dear Representative Buchanan:

The Florida Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support your recently filed "Support Our Start-Ups Act." This bill will help remove roadblocks to starting a new business by reducing the initial burden of start-up costs through greater tax deductions.

In Florida alone, there are more than two million small businesses, which create two out of three jobs in Florida. Job creation is paramount in a recovering economy, and Florida recently regained all of the jobs that were lost in the Great Recession. Unfortunately, the numbers of businesses that fail have far out-paced the number of new businesses created. The "Support Our Start-Ups Act" removes some of the initial barriers to creating a business, putting money back in the pocket of our state's best job creators- setting start-ups on a path toward success.

The snapshot of how this legislation would be beneficial in Florida easily translates to the rest of the United States. Small businesses are the backbone of our nation's economy. I encourage your colleagues in the United States House and Senate to support this important legislation to further help grow new businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David A. Hart".

David A. Hart
Executive Vice President

CC: Steve Knopik, Chairman, Florida Chamber of Commerce
Mark Wilson, President & CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce