



July 19, 2023

The Honorable Lloyd Smucker  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Smucker,

On behalf of the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents<sup>1</sup> (PIA), thank you for introducing H.R. 4721, the Main Street Tax Certainty Act, which would make permanent the Section 199A tax deduction for qualifying passthrough entities. PIA strongly supports this legislation.

PIA actively advocated for the passage of the tax bill signed into law at the end of 2017 (Public Law No. 115-97) because of its improved treatment of S corporations, also known as “passthrough” corporations. The law included a tax deduction in Section 199A for owners of small businesses, reducing the potential tax burden on insurance agencies that organize as Subchapter S or passthrough corporations. Many PIA member agents own independent insurance businesses that are organized as sole proprietorships, partnerships, LLCs, or Subchapter S corporations.

Unfortunately, the passthrough deduction is temporary, unlike the permanent tax relief provided to entities organized as C corporations. As a result, the benefit for PIA members who organize as passthroughs will end on December 31, 2025, thereafter depriving small business owners of certainty regarding their future tax liability and leaving them unable to rely on the ongoing benefit of this deduction. The Main Street Tax Certainty Act will resolve this uncertainty for small business owners and ensure that they receive this tax relief permanently.

PIA looks forward to continuing to work with you on this matter. If we can be of any additional assistance, please contact Jon Gentile, PIA vice president of government relations, at [jgentile@pianational.org](mailto:jgentile@pianational.org)

Sincerely,

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<sup>1</sup> PIA National represents independent insurance agents in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.