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- National Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Illinois Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- American GI Forum
- Mexican American Grocers Association (MAGA)
- California Department of LULAC
- Illinois Department of LULAC
- Texas Department of LULAC
- National Black Caucus of State Legislators
- Opportunity Industrialization Centers (OIC)
- Citizens for Tax Justice (CTJ)
- AFL-CIO
- Consumers Opposed to Secret Taxes (COST)
- Citizens for a Sound Economy

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Association of General Merchandise Chains, Inc.
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The BF Goodrich Company
BATUS
Beer Institute
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Saks Fifth Avenue
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American Federation of Government Employees
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International Association of Machinists
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International Union, UAW
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Missouri Coalition for Tax Reform
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