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RE: Comments on REG-104226-18 (Proposed Rules Relating to §965 Transition Tax)

Dear Sir or Madam:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on REG-104226-18, as published in the Federal Register on August 9, 2018.

The attached chart identifies issues arising under REG-104226-18 and provides suggested solutions as well as any additional explanation the Chamber believes would be helpful in addressing the issue. This feedback is the product of extensive conversations with a very wide array of affected Chamber members. These comments may be considered as representing some of the most serious issues, but are not all the issues concerning Chamber members have regarding REG-104226-18.

The Chamber strongly urges Treasury and the I.R.S. to work closely with the business community to implement the recent tax changes in a manner that would ensure as little disruption as possible to normal business operations and encourage the U.S. economy to achieve its true growth potential. The Chamber looks forward to working with you to address these and other issues as you work to implement the new, pro-growth tax code. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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