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Via Federal eRulemaking Portal

RE: Comments on REG-104591-18: Denial of Deduction for Certain Fines, Penalties, and Other Amounts; Information with Respect to Certain Fines, Penalties, and Other Amounts

Dear Sir or Madam:

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on REG-104591-18 guidance on section 162(f) of the Internal Revenue Code (Code), as amended by legislation enacted in 2017, concerning the deduction of certain fines, penalties, and other amounts as well as proposed regulations that provide guidance relating to the information reporting requirements under new section 6050X of the Code with respect to those fines, penalties, and other amounts, as published in the *Federal Register* on May 23, 2020.

The attached chart identifies issues arising under REG-104591-18 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 impacted Chamber members. These comments may be considered as representing some of the most serious issues, but are not all the issues concerning Chamber members on REG-104591-18.

The Chamber appreciates the opportunity to provide this feedback on REG-104591-18. The Chamber strongly urges Treasury and the I.R.S. to continue to work closely with the business community to implement the recent tax changes in a manner to ensure as little disruption as possible to normal business operations and that this law encourages 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 we work to implement our new, pro-growth tax code. Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,



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