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Chairman Charles Rangel
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Ranking Member Dave Camp
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Dear Chairman Rangel and Ranking Member Camp:

As the Ways and Means Committee and the Congress consider a tax extenders package in the coming days, I want to convey the strong opposition of the National Association of REALTORS® and its 1.2 million members to efforts to change the taxation of carried interests. The loss of capital gains treatment for real estate investment partnership interests would turn long-established taxation rules upside down.

Real estate partnerships, from the smallest venture to the largest investment fund, have a carried interest component. Approximately \$1 trillion of commercial and residential rental real estate is held privately in America today. The great majority of these properties are held by partnerships. Changing the tax rates on carried interest from capital gains rates to ordinary income rates would be devastating to these businesses.

Just as importantly, given our still struggling economy and real estate markets, such a policy would also have a dramatic negative impact on commercial real estate values and the local communities in which they are located. We urge you to strongly oppose any efforts to change the taxation of carried interests.

Sincerely,

Vicki Cox Golder, CRB
2010 President, National Association of REALTORS®

