

Washington, DC – Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20) issued the following statement applauding the passage of H.R. 4213, the Tax Extenders Act, in the House by a vote of 214-181:

“The legislation we’ve passed today is another bold step we are taking to create jobs and strengthen our economy. Not only does this bill facilitate job creation here in the U.S., but it continues to give the much needed relief to our families and small business owners in Texas and all over the country.

“This bill extends the deductibility of state and local sales taxes and property tax, putting more money into the pockets of Texas homeowners and consumers as well as encouraging growth and demand in our economy. At the same time, this legislation promotes an increased investment in technology and creates more high-tech jobs for the twenty-first century.

“Also, in order to ensure that this does not increase our deficit, this bill gives the IRS new tools developed to prevent, detect and prosecute U.S. investors evading taxes by hiding assets offshore. The public can rest assured that their hard earned tax dollars will be used to get our economy back on track and those who try to cheat the system will be punished.

“Americans are hurting and our economy is struggling due to failed policies of the past. By passing the Tax Extenders Bill, we are making an investment in our people, our businesses, and our children. That investment will strengthen the foundation on which we can build a more stable and prosperous future.”

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