

Kentucky Commercial Real Estate Conference

Commercial Real Estate Income Tax Update

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Today's Agenda

- ▶ Overview
- ▶ Business Tax
- ▶ Individuals, Trusts & Estates
- ▶ Inflation Reduction Act Provisions
- ▶ State & Local Tax Implications
- ▶ Next Steps



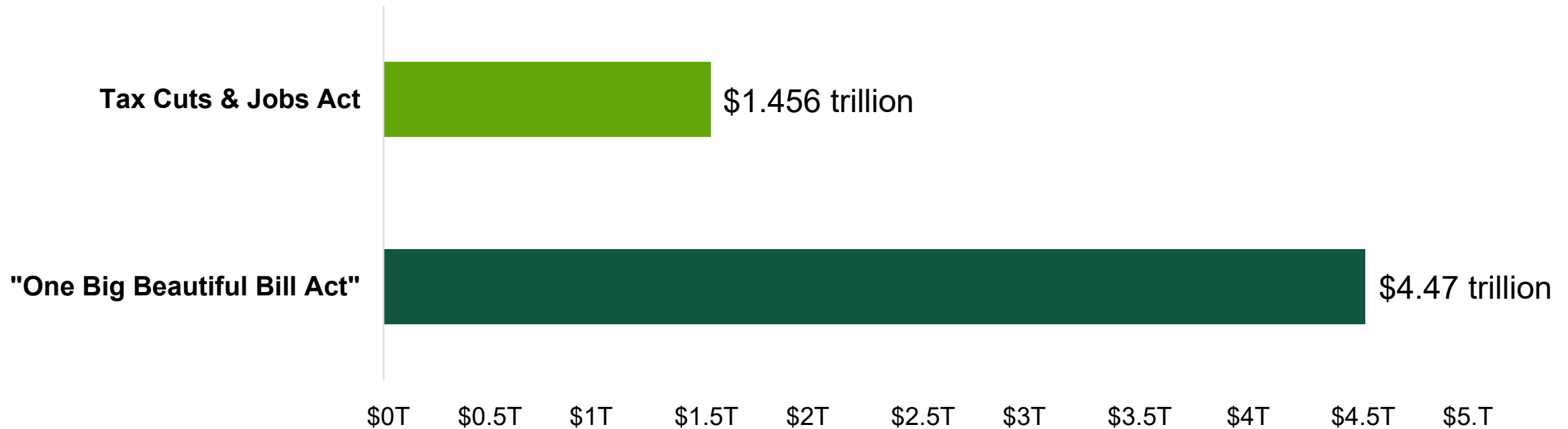


Overview



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- ▶ Primarily a Tax Reform Bill
- ▶ Republican Support Only
- ▶ Cost of Tax Provisions (Current Law Baseline)





Business Tax



Business Provisions



Bonus Depreciation



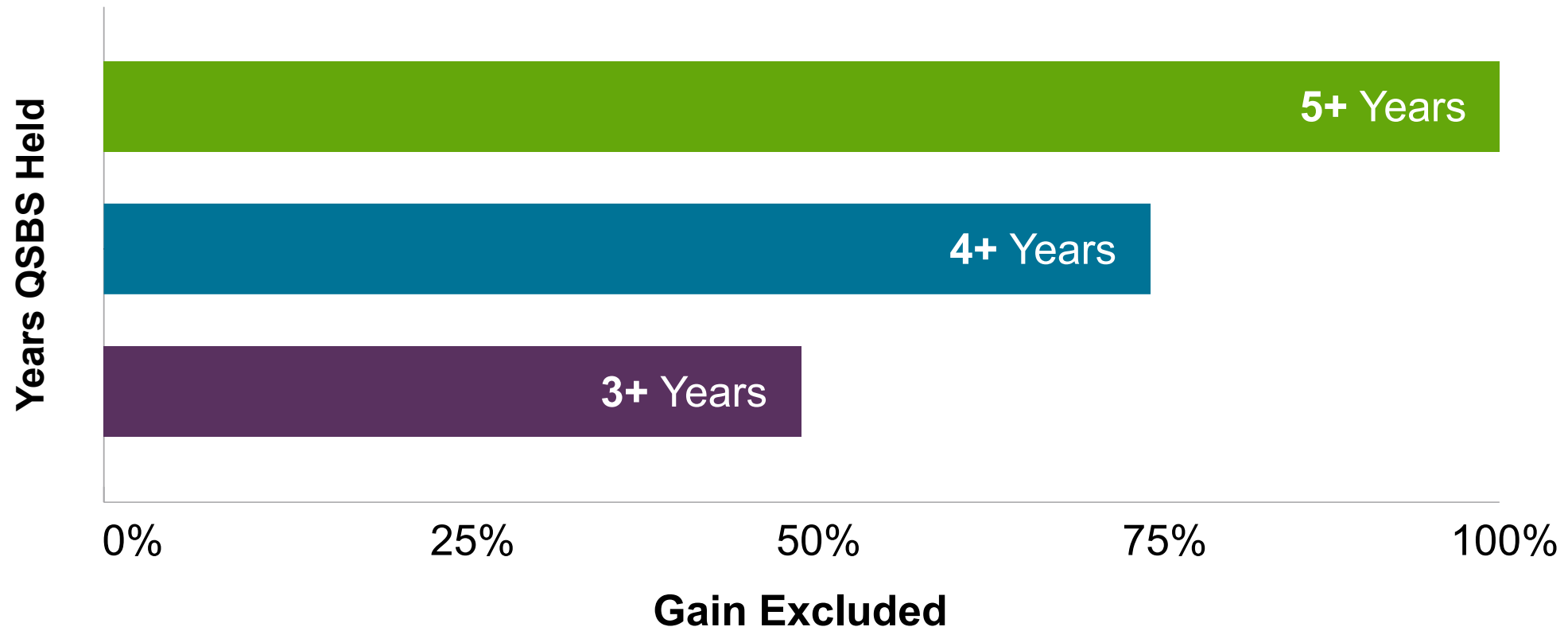
**Business Interest
Expense Limitation**



**Research & Experimental
Expenditures**

Small Business Provisions

- ▶ Section 179 Business Asset Expensing
- ▶ Section 1202 Qualified Small Business Stock (QSBS) Exclusion



Pass-through Entity Provisions

- ▶ **Not Included** – Changes to PTET
- ▶ Section 199A Qualified Business Income Deduction
- ▶ Excess Business Loss Limitation



Community Development Provisions



Opportunity
Zones



Low-Income
Housing Tax
Credit



New Markets
Tax Credit



A Closer Look at Opportunity Zones

Options

- ▶ Qualified Opportunity Fund (QOF)
- ▶ Qualified Rural Opportunity Fund (QROF)

Benefits

- ▶ Up to a 5-year deferral for recognition of gain
- ▶ **Permanent** 10% reduction in original referred gain for properties held at least 5 years (30% for QROF)
- ▶ **Permanent** exclusion of new gain on property held at least 10 years



Zone Designation Changes

- ▶ Decennial Redesignation – created a rolling nomination of new census tracts
- ▶ Initial decennial determination date – July 1, 2026
- ▶ Effective January 1, 2027 for 10 years
- ▶ Stricter Eligibility – Low-income community requirement
- ▶ No contiguous tract rule

PLANNING NOTE:

For existing census tracts, the time to make a qualifying investment will expire on December 31, 2026, absent redesignation.



New Deferral Timeline & Basis Boost

OLD RULE:

Deferral until December 31, 2026

NEW RULE:

Rolling five-year deferral from investment date

10% basis boost at end of deferral period

Applicable for investments acquired after 12/31/26



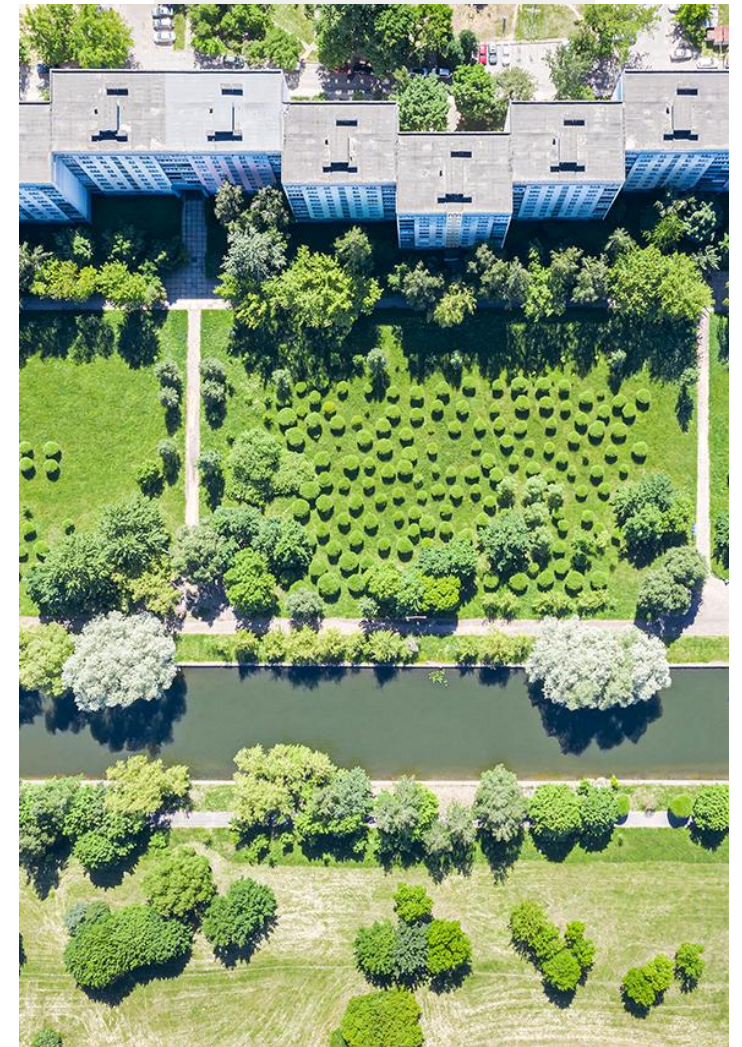
EXAMPLE:

- Qualifying deferred gain of \$1M, assuming taxpayer held for five years, then the taxpayer would recognize \$900k for federal tax purposes.

Rural Area Investing

New Class of Qualified Opportunity Funds (QOF)

- ▶ **Rural QOFs** must hold at least 90% of assets in qualified OZ property or equity in a qualified OZ business operating in a rural tract (outside MSAs or with population under 50,000)
- ▶ **New 30% basis boost** at the end of the five-year deferral period
- ▶ **Substantial improvement** requirement drops to 50% of adjusted basis for existing property
- ▶ **Notice 2025-50 (issued 9/30/2025):**
 - Formally defines rural OZs and identifies 3,309 qualifying zones
 - Formalizes for property in rural OZs, improvements meet the substantial improvement test if additions to basis exceed 50% (vs. standard 100%)





OZ Exit Changes

- ▶ Current OZ regulations require investor to sell on or before December 31, 2047
- ▶ Qualifying investments ***made after January 1, 2027***, are eligible for:
 - Step up to fair market value of OZ investment if sold after 10-year hold; or
 - Step up to fair market value of OZ investment on the 30-year anniversary
 - ▷ Investors no longer required to sell, however, any additional appreciation after the 30-year anniversary would be subject to tax when sold



Reporting Requirements



Reporting Requirements

- ▶ New and enhanced reporting requirements to Treasury for QOFs and QOZBs
- ▶ Provide transparency regarding type and location of investments
- ▶ Additional information will provide government economic impact data
- ▶ Imposes significant penalties for non-compliance



Penalties for non-compliance range from \$10k - \$50k depending on QOF Assets

Reporting Requirements – QOFs

- ▶ Mandatory Annual Reporting (includes but not limited to):
 - Asset composition
 - Investment timing
 - Compliance with 90% asset test
 - Location and nature of QOZ property
 - ▷ Number of residential units
- ▶ Penalties for non-compliance
 - Up to \$10,000 per missed return
 - Up to \$50,000 for QOF with assets > \$10M



OBBBA allocated \$15M to the IRS for enforcement and implementation of new rules

Reporting Requirements – QOZBs

- ▶ Business Activity Disclosure:
 - Percentage of tangible property used in active conduct of business
 - Employee location and payroll data
 - Number of residential units



New reporting requirements are effective for tax years after July 4, 2025.



Other Business Provisions

- ▶ Qualified Production Property
- ▶ Percentage of Completion Method
- ▶ IRA Incentive Phaseouts
- ▶ Information Reporting



Individuals, Trusts & Estates



Individual Provisions – TCJA Extensions



- ▶ Tax Rates & Brackets
- ▶ Standard Deduction*
- ▶ Itemized Deductions
- ▶ Child Tax Credit*
- ▶ Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit*
- ▶ Employer Provided Educational Assistance

* Provisions with enhancements

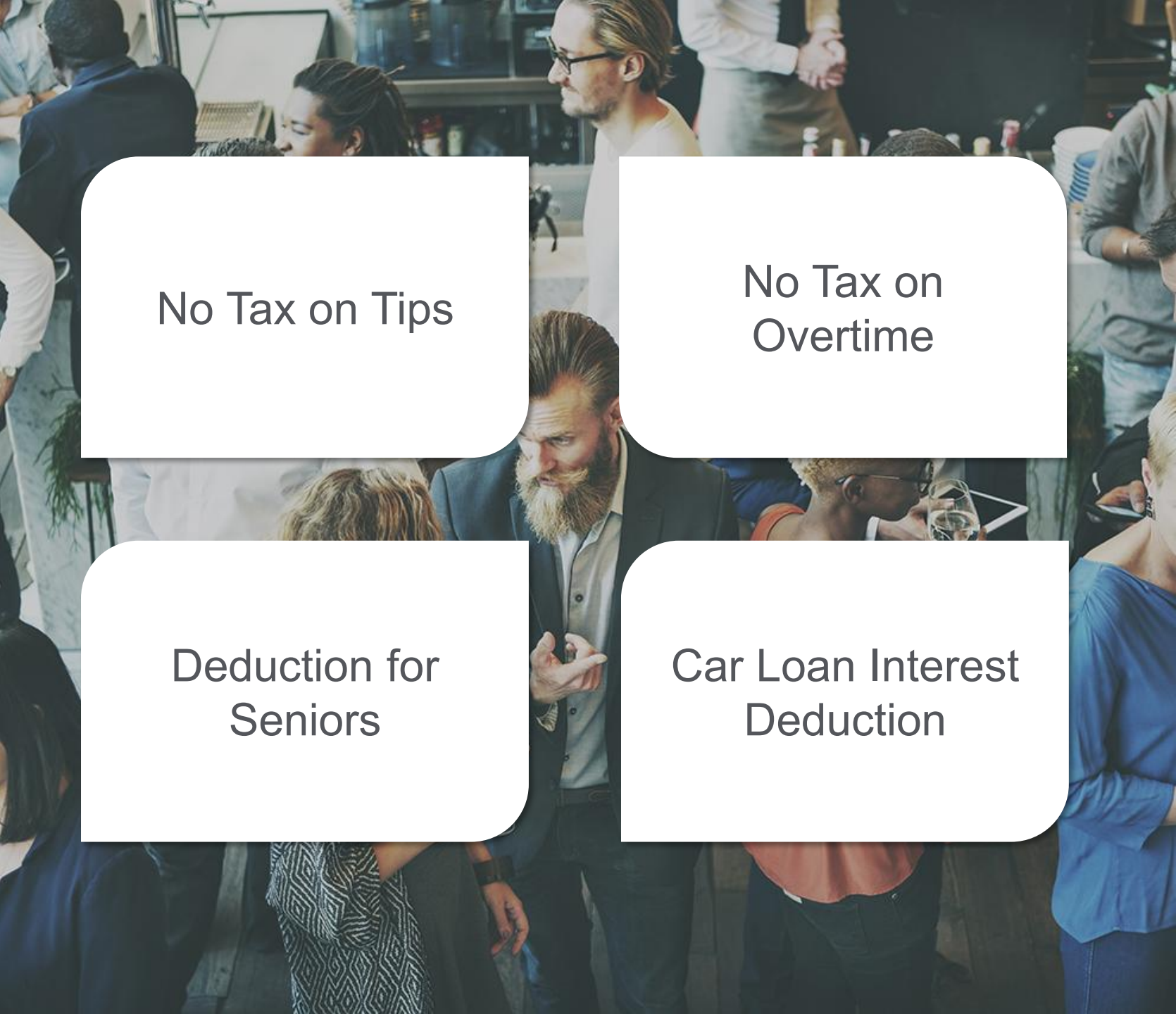


Individual Provisions

- ▶ SALT Cap
- ▶ Alternative Minimum Tax
- ▶ Limitation on Itemized Deductions
- ▶ Gifting Provisions
- ▶ Trump Accounts



Temporary Provisions



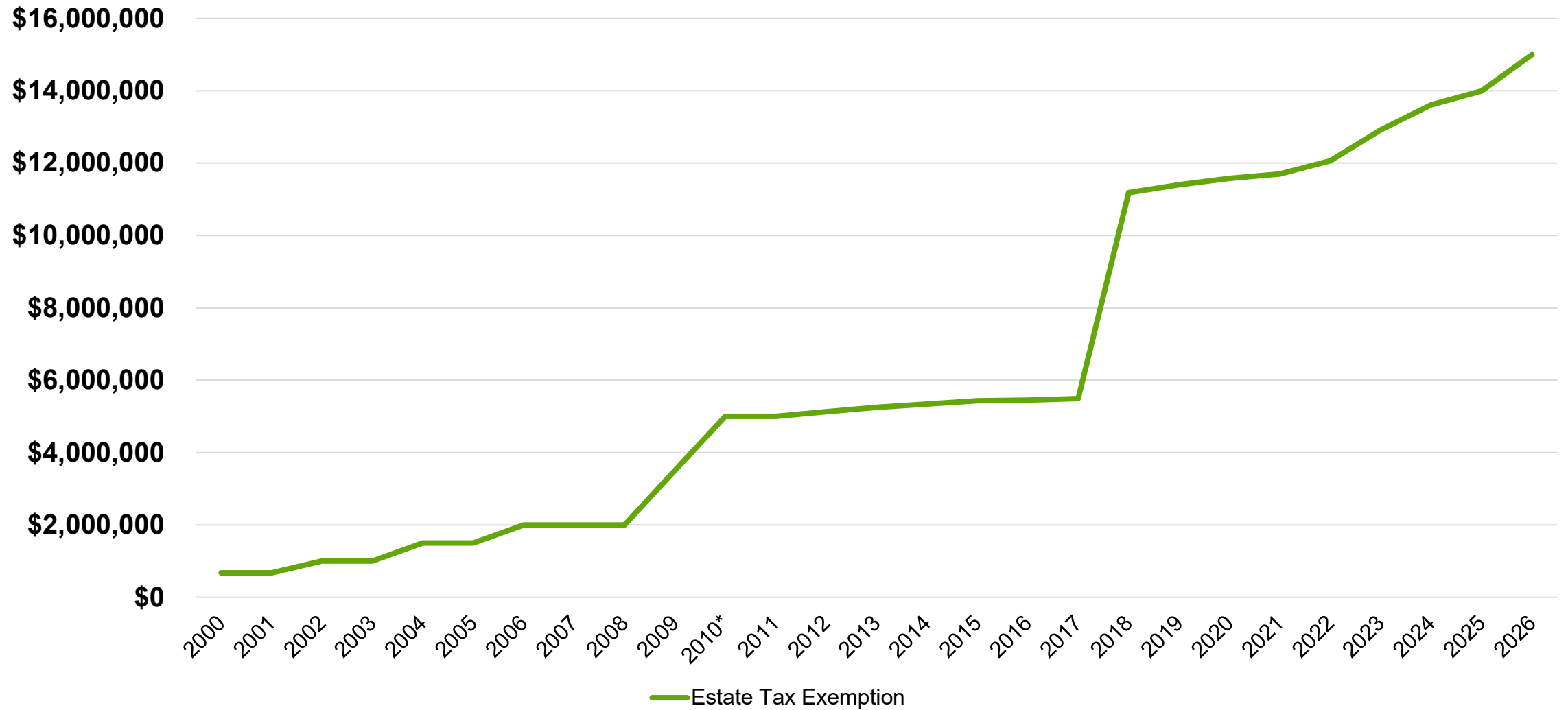
No Tax on Tips

No Tax on
Overtime

Deduction for
Seniors

Car Loan Interest
Deduction

Estate Tax Exemption

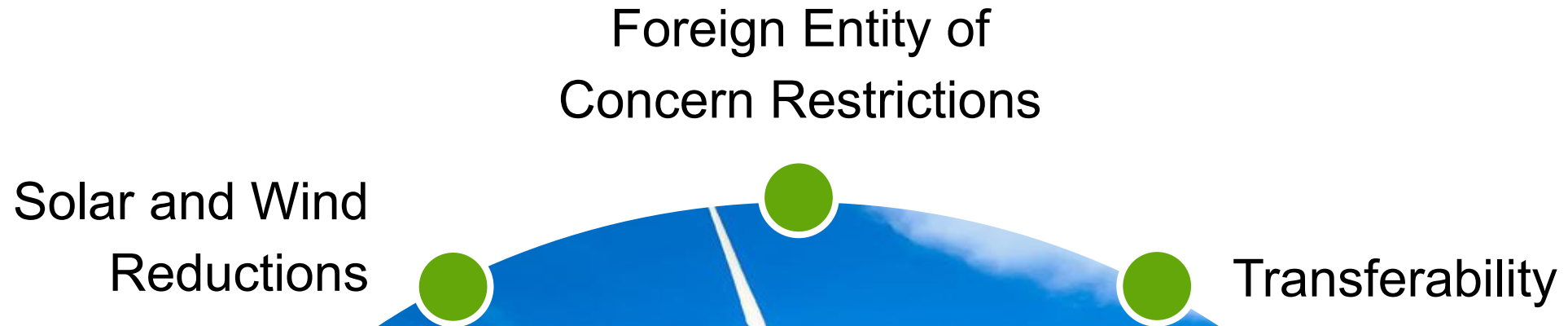




Inflation Reduction Act Provisions



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Credits & Incentives with Accelerated Termination Dates

Business

- ▶ Clean Energy Investment Credit (48E) – solar & wind only
- ▶ Clean Energy Production Credit (45Y) – solar & wind only
- ▶ Advanced Manufacturing Production Credit (45X) – wind only
- ▶ Clean Hydrogen Credit (45V)
- ▶ Commercial Clean Vehicles Credit (45W)
- ▶ Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property (30C)
- ▶ New Energy Efficient Homes Credit (45L)
- ▶ Energy Efficient Commercial Buildings Tax Deduction (179D)

Personal

- ▶ Clean Vehicle Credit (30D)
- ▶ Previously Owned Clean Vehicle Credit (25E)
- ▶ Energy Efficient Home Improvement Property (25C)
- ▶ Residential Clean Energy Credit (25D)

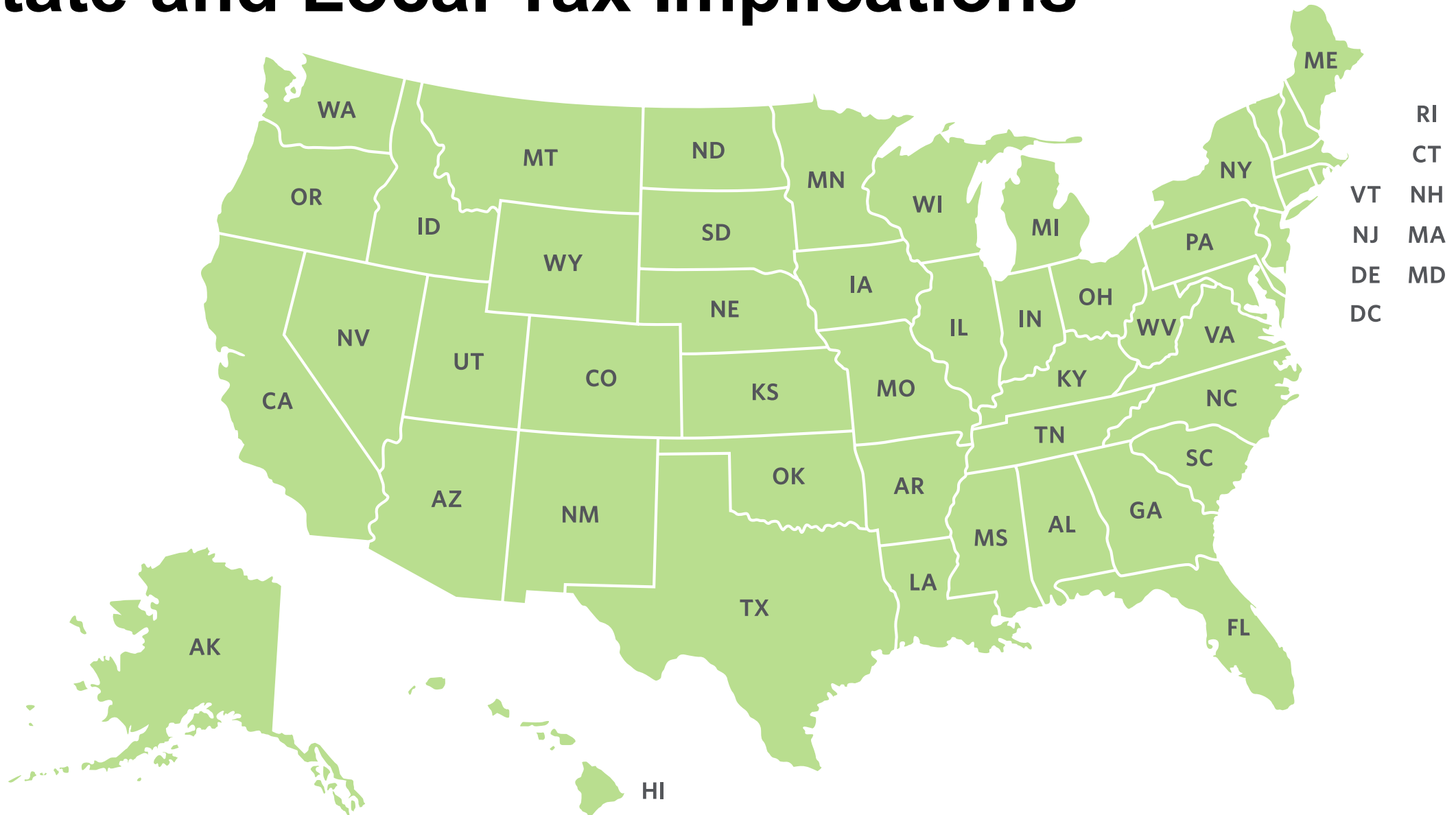




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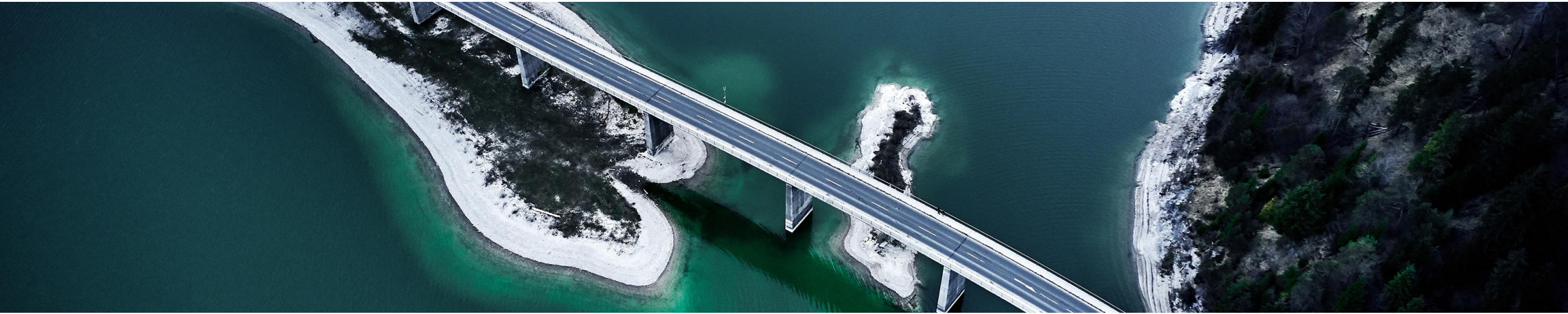




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**Engage in
planning
discussions**



Guidance



**Future
Legislation**

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