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Growth
in America

Economic Investment Alliance statement on Thursday’s U.S. economic news—which underscores the critical importance for making full expensing permanent:

“Thursday’s GDP report showed the largest decline in business investment in equipment — [7.3% on annual basis](#) — since the pandemic began in 2020. Since World War II, a decline in business investment has often been a leading indicator of a potential recession.

This economic news is a clear indication that American business investment needs greater tools and certainty to spur economic growth, create jobs, and drive American competitiveness. The Economic Investment Alliance believes there is a policy response needed. Full expensing is an important commonsense policy that encourages businesses of all sizes to invest in America.

The drop in capital expenditures during the first quarter of 2023 comes as depreciation allowances changed for the first time in five years from 100 percent to 80 percent in 2023. However, Congress can stop this trend by reinstating full expensing to encourage continued investment in capital expenditures from small and large businesses alike. This will bolster the economy at a time when companies and consumers are reeling from the effects of inflation.

It is critical that Congress act now to restore full expensing to spur economic growth and incentivize domestic business investment to drive American competitiveness and strengthen our economy.”

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The Economic Investment Alliance is a coalition of innovative companies and organizations supporting the permanent extension of full expensing, a common sense, historically bipartisan policy that encourages economic growth, creates jobs, and drives American competitiveness.

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