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## PROPOSALS AFFECTING PRIVATE CLIENT SERVICES



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### BUILD BACK BETTER ACT - REWRITE 10/28/2021

- > Tax proposals eliminated from the original Build Back Better Act
  - Marginal Individual Tax Rate
  - Capital Gains Rate
  - Grantor Trusts
  - Estate Tax Basic Exclusion Amount
  - Special Use Valuation \$2032A
  - Valuation Discounts
  - Carried Interests
  - Qualified Business Income (QBI) Deduction
  - Retirement Plans minimum distributions, contributions limits, "Backdoor" IRAs, self-dealing



## BUILD BACK BETTER ACT - REWRITE 10/28/2021

- Tax proposals that remain in the Build Back Better Act
  - Surcharge Tax
  - Section 1202 Qualified Small Business Stock
  - Excess Business Losses
  - Net Investment Income Tax



## **SURCHARGE TAX**

- > Effective after December 31, 2021
- Implements 5% surcharge tax
  - Applies to Modified Adjusted Gross Income in excess of
    - > \$5 million for MFS
    - > \$200,000 for estates and trusts
    - > \$10 million for all other filers
- > PLUS
- Implements 3% surcharge tax
  - > Applies to Modified Adjusted Gross Income in excess of
    - > \$12.5 million for MFS
    - > \$500,000 for estates and trusts
    - > \$25 million for all other filers



# SECTION 1202 - QUALIFIED SMALL BUSINESS STOCK

- Section 1202 Qualified Small Business Stock (QSBS)
  - Applies to taxpayers with AGI equal to or more than \$400,000 and to trusts and estates
  - Eliminates 100% and 75% exclusions for sales of QSBS acquired after February 17, 2009, and sold after September 13, 2021
  - Written binding contract already in place, and not materially modified thereafter, is not impacted
  - Rewrite of the Build Back Better Act clarified that the provision applies to sales and exchanges occurring after September 13, 2021 - there was some ambiguity in the original text that the provision applied to sales and exchanges on or after September 13, 2021



# EXCESS BUSINESS LOSSES - \$461(l)

- > Effective after December 31, 2020
- Current temporary provision would be made permanent
- Rather than treat as an NOL in the following year, disallowed loss would be treated as a deduction attributable to a taxpayer's trades or businesses when computing the excess business loss (EBL) in the subsequent year
- Excess Business Loss thresholds remain the same
  - Noncorporate taxpayers in excess of \$500,000 for joint filers
  - All other filers in excess of \$250,000



# **NET INVESTMENT INCOME TAX**

- Effective after December 31, 2021
- Eliminates carveout for income derived in ordinary course of trade or business or income attributable to the disposition of property earned outside of a passive activity
- Applies to "specified net income," which includes
  - Net investment income even if derived in ordinary course of a trade or business
  - Other gross income and net gains attributable to the disposition of property, even if earned outside of a passive activity or the trade or business of trading financial instruments or commodities
- Applies to Modified AGI that exceeds
  - > \$500,000 for MFJ and surviving spouses (\$250,000 MFS)
  - > \$12,500 for estates and trusts
  - > \$400,000 for all other fliers



# What are we seeing

- ➤ Back to "normal" planning. . . . . . .
  - > Sales to intentionally defective grantor trusts
  - GRATs
  - SLATs
  - Outright gifts
  - Charitable gifts
- > Future
  - Grantor trusts at risk?
  - Basic Exclusion Amount reduces to about one-half in 2026



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