

Resolution Requesting that the Congressional Delegation of the State of _____ Work To Make the Federal Tax Cuts Permanent

WHEREAS, Each year President Bush has proposed and Congress has enacted a tax cut designed to strengthen the American economy and increase employment opportunities for working families; and

WHEREAS, Tax cuts signed into law reduced income taxes for all taxpayers, eliminated the marriage penalty and Death Tax, increased the child credit rebate and business expensing, expanded Individual Retirement Accounts, and cut the double taxation of dividends and capital gains; and

WHEREAS, Economic growth stemming from the latest tax cut accelerated at its fastest rate in twenty years in the third quarter of 2003.

WHEREAS, Provisions set forth in the tax cut are set to expire starting in 2005 and will be completely phased out by the year 2012.

WHEREAS, Expiration of the existing tax cuts will increase taxes by 50 percent for lower-income families, the child-credit will fall by 50 percent, the marriage penalty will be reinstated, education savings will be taxed, retirement savings will shrink, and every taxpayer will face in an income tax increase.

WHEREAS, Expiration of the existing tax cuts will result in the largest tax increase in American history and stifle economic growth.

WHEREAS, Making all the tax cuts permanent will allow taxpayers to feel more confident investing in their child's college education or saving for retirement, all while ensuring increased economic growth.

RESOLVED, that the _____ (House/Senate) of the State of _____ requests our elected Representatives and Senators in the United States Congress support and vote to make President Bush's tax cuts permanent.

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the state of _____'s Congressional Delegation.

If you have any questions about this sample resolution, please contact Amanda Hydro at Americans for Tax Reform at (202) 785-0266.

Without making the existing tax cuts permanent, American taxpayers will face the largest tax increase in U.S. history. The Economic Growth and Tax Relief Act of 2001 reduced marginal tax rates, expanded the per child tax credit, reduced the marriage penalty tax and reduced and eliminated the death tax. The 2002 bill allowed businesses to expense the first 30 percent of business investment and the 2003 Jobs and Growth Tax Relief Act of 2003 accelerated the individual income tax rates and cut the taxation on individual capital gains and dividend distribution to 15 percent. The legislation, however, was passed under Reconciliation to fit within a budget window. Some of the tax cuts were phased out even sooner than the ten-year budget window. All of the tax cuts should be made permanent-which means they should be extended out to a new full ten-year window beginning in 2004. For more information see: www.atr.org

**Resolution Requesting the Congressional Delegation of the State of _____
to support the President's effort to protect to United States from Terrorists and the
Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction**

WHEREAS, In the immortal words of former President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, "When you see a rattlesnake poised to strike, you do not wait until he has struck before you crush him;" and

WHEREAS, The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 showed that new deadly challenges have emerged from rogue states and terrorists; and

WHEREAS, The proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction has fundamentally changed the nature of threats against the United States and our allies; and

WHEREAS, A coordinated chemical, biological or nuclear attack against the United States or our allies will cost the lives of millions of innocent Americans and other individuals, as well as cause immeasurable damage to the U.S. and world economy; and

WHEREAS, The United States can not wait patiently and allow radical regimes that support terrorism to acquire or manufacture illegal Weapons of Mass Destruction and pass them onto terrorist organizations;

WHEREAS, If the United States does not meet this terrorist threat in the streets of Baghdad and Kandahar, Americans will be forced to fight them in Boston and Kansas City; and

WHEREAS, President Bush has correctly stated that the United States has the right to defend the U.S. or our allies if the world community refuses to enforce the rule of law to deter or remove future threats from tyrannical regimes and the proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the _____ [House/Senate] of the state of _____, requests that the Representatives and Senators from our state support President Bush and his efforts to keep the United States and our allies safe from terrorists, dangerous authoritarian regimes and Weapons of Mass Destruction.

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the state of _____'s Congressional Delegation.

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President George W. Bush has responded to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 by issuing a new National Security Strategy report that reserves the possibility of unilateral U.S. military action "to exercise our right of self-defense by acting pre-emptively" against terrorists and radical states that support terrorism or seek to acquire illegal Weapons of Mass Destruction for use against the United States or its allies. Because some members of Congress believe that the World community must give the United States permission to protect our allies, and ourselves it is essential that members of Congress support President Bush's decision to preemptively attack nations that support terrorism and pose a threat to the United States. Please go to <http://www.whitehouse.gov/nsc/nss5.html> more information.

Resolution Requesting that the Congressional Delegation of the State of _____ Work To Pass Lifetime & Retirement Savings Accounts

WHEREAS, Personal savings of working Americans continues to decline and is now at dangerously low levels.

WHEREAS, Personal savings of working Americans is not enough to pay for current catastrophic expenses or supplement the modest benefits derived from Social Security.

WHEREAS, Savings provides the financing of new capital investment and job creation, which in turn, increases the standard of living for all Americans.

WHEREAS, Double taxation of savings and complexity of current savings incentives are so complex, many working Americans are not participating.

WHEREAS, Enactment of Lifetime Savings Accounts will allow Americans to contribute up to \$7,500 a year and make penalty-free withdrawals at any time for any purpose.

WHEREAS, Enactment of Retirement Savings Accounts will allow Americans to contribute up to \$7,500 a year and make penalty-free withdrawals after age 58.

WHEREAS, Enactment of Lifetime and Retirement Savings Accounts will eliminate the double taxation of savings and simplify existing savings programs to increase participation.

WHEREAS, Eliminating the double taxation of savings and simplifying current incentives will boost savings for all Americans and enhance the economic security of working families.

RESOLVED, that the _____ (House/Senate) of the State of _____ requests our elected Representatives and Senators in the United States Congress support and vote to enact Lifetime and Retirement Savings Accounts.

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the state of _____'s Congressional Delegation.

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America's dangerously low personal savings rate of working Americans must be increased. Baby boomers are fast approaching retirement with limited savings and with Social Security facing imminent insolvency the country is headed on financial collision course between generations. By 2040, the number of Americans 65 years or older will increase by 116 percent while the number of working-age Americans will rise by only 22 percent. More personal savings will be needed to finance this massive demographic shift, which the LSA/RSA proposal addresses. For more information see: <http://www.americanshareholders.com/report/asasavings12-03-03.pdf>

Resolution Requesting the Congressional Delegation of the State of _____ To Work to Abolish the Death Tax Permanently

WHEREAS, Under tax relief legislation passed in 2001, the death tax was temporarily phased out but not permanently eliminated; and

WHEREAS, Farmers and other small business owners will face losing their farms and businesses if the Federal Government resumes the heavy taxation of citizens at death; and

WHEREAS, This is a tax that is particularly damaging to families who are working their way up the ladder and trying to accumulate wealth for the first time; and

WHEREAS, Employees suffer layoffs when small and medium businesses are liquidated to pay death taxes; and

WHEREAS, If the death tax had been repealed in 1996, the United States economy would have realized billions of dollars each year extra output and an average of 145,000 additional new jobs would have been created; and

WHEREAS, Having repeatedly passed in the United States House of Representatives and Senate, repeal of the death tax holds wide bipartisan support; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the _____ [House/Senate] of the state of _____ requests our elected Representatives and Senators in the United States Congress support, work to pass and vote for the immediate and permanent repeal of the death tax; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the state of _____'s Congressional Delegation.

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The Death Tax places tremendous hardships on small businesses and family farms. In fact, due to the enormous tax bill that arrives upon death of their elders, 70 percent of family businesses do not survive the second generation and 87 percent do not get passed onto a third generation.

President Bush campaigned on a platform to cut taxes, including abolishing the Death Tax. As part of President Bush's 2001 tax cut, the Death Tax was gradually reduced in the years 2002-2009 and finally abolished in 2010. However, due to arcane budget rules, the Death Tax reappears in 2011 with the pre-2001 tax rates. Since the status of the tax is still not certain many family businesses are still wasting resources planning for the government to take half of their property upon death rather than using the money to create jobs. Making Death Tax repeal permanent will give the businesses the opportunity to make investments in job creation. For more info see: www.nodeathtax.org

A Resolution Asking Congress to Give First Priority To Supporting and Passing the Defense Appropriations Bill First.

WHEREAS, The security of our nation and people is the first and foremost obligation of the our United States federal government; and

WHEREAS, The men and women of our United States armed forces now serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Merchant Marines, National Guard and Reserves have shown great courage and self-sacrifice and deserve to be equipped with the best weapons and resources to protect our nation; and

WHEREAS, In past years politicians have delayed passing the defense appropriations bill until late in the budget year so that the defense appropriations bill was misused as a dumping ground for pork barrel spending and as a political hostage to pork barrel spending in other appropriations bills; and

WHEREAS, In the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 on America, President Bush asked that the Congress of the United States pass the Defense Appropriations bill before passing other spending bills; and

WHEREAS, Congress acted responsibly in the Spring of 2002 when it passed the Defense Appropriations bill first, thereby protecting the men and women in our armed forces from becoming pawns for politicians' spending maneuvers; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the _____ [House/Senate] of the state of _____ commends Congress for making our nation's defense its first priority in 2002, and requests that the Congressmen and Senators from our state continue this important tradition by passing and enacting the Defense Appropriations Legislation before all other spending bills in 2004 and in future years.

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the state of _____'s Congressional Delegation.

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Congressional leadership has responded to the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 and the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq by ensuring that the military receives the necessary funding to fight the War on Terrorism early in the appropriations process. Because appropriations have used parliamentary tactics in the past to hold the Defense Appropriations bill hostage until less important appropriations bills that break the budget have passed it is essential that members of Congress are informed that you want the Defense Appropriations bill passed first. Please go to www.rnc.org/Newsroom/RNCResearch/research091702.htm for more information.

Resolution Requesting that the Congressional Delegation of the State of _____ Work To Pass Social Security Personal Retirement Accounts

WHEREAS, Demographic changes and cost increases will drain the existing Social Security system.

WHEREAS, Without significant changes to the system, costs will exceed revenues starting in 2018 and the system will not be able to pay any benefits by 2042.

WHEREAS, Not reforming the system will require a 50 percent tax increase on every working American or a 30 percent benefit cut.

WHEREAS, Allowing younger workers to invest a portion of their income in personal retirement accounts will keep the Social Security system solvent.

WHEREAS, Allowing younger workers to invest a portion of their income in personal retirement accounts will avoid any benefits cut and/or tax increases

WHEREAS, Allowing younger workers to invest a portion of their income in personal retirement accounts will provide additional savings to younger workers for greater retirement security.

RESOLVED, that the _____ (House/Senate) of the State of _____ requests our elected Representatives and Senators in the United States Congress support no increases in payroll taxes, no cuts to Social Security benefits, and optional Social Security Personal Retirement Accounts.

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the state of _____'s Congressional Delegation.

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The current Social Security system is facing insolvency due to sweeping demographic shifts. The program was set up so that payroll taxes from current workers are used to pay Social Security benefits to current retirees. This pay-as-you-go program would be viable only if the number of workers grew faster than the number of retirees. When the program began there were 42 workers for each retiree. But now there are only three workers per retiree, and that ratio will soon drop to about 2-to-1. Social Security will start running deficits in the year 2018 and the Trust Fund will be completely exhausted by 2042. Without reform, massive tax increases or benefit cuts or some combination of both will be needed to pay benefits in the future. So the present system is not viable and that is why President George W. Bush wants to allow workers to invest a portion of their payroll tax dollars in personal investment accounts. For more information view the Social Security Administration's report: <http://www.ssa.gov/OACT/TR/TR03/index.html>

A Resolution Asking Congress to Reform the Current Class Action Lawsuit Process in Order to Ensure Fair Legal Process for Class Members with Legitimate Claims, Protects Responsible Companies and Other Institutions Against Frivolous Interstate Class Actions in State Courts.

WHEREAS, Over the past decade, there have been abuses of the class action device that have harmed class members with legitimate claims and defendants that have acted responsibly, adversely affected interstate commerce, and undermined public respect for the judicial system in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Class members have been harmed by a number of actions taken by plaintiffs' lawyers, which provide little or no benefit to class members as a whole, including plaintiffs' lawyers receiving large fees, while class members are left with coupons or other awards of little or no value and unjustified rewards being made to certain plaintiffs at the expense of other class members; and

WHEREAS, Abusive interstate class actions have harmed society as a whole by forcing innocent parties to settle cases rather than risk a huge judgment by a local jury, thereby costing consumers billions of dollars in increased costs to pay for forced settlements and excessive judgments; and

WHEREAS, Through the use of artful pleading, plaintiffs are able to avoid litigating class actions in Federal court, forcing businesses and other organizations to defend interstate class action lawsuits in county and State courts where the lawyers, rather than the claimants, are likely to receive the maximum benefit; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the _____ [House/Senate] of the state of _____, requests that the Senators from our state pass class action reform legislation that assures fair and prompt recoveries for class members with legitimate claims, protects responsible companies and other institutions against interstate class actions in State courts, and restores the intent of the framers of the Constitution by providing for Federal court consideration of interstate class actions.

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the state of _____'s Congressional Delegation.

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Senator Charles Grassley and other have introduced legislation that will fix the current broken Class Action Litigation process. Because class action litigation reform will help end the forum shopping abuses and resultant extortionate settlements that plague class action litigation today. Senators need to know that you support this needed reform. Please go to www.house.gov/apps/list/press/va06_goodlatte/061203.html for more information.

A Resolution Requesting the United States Senators of the State of _____ Support a Floor Vote for President Bush's Judicial Nominees

WHEREAS, Article II, Section 2 of the United States Constitution states the President "shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the Supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States;" and

WHEREAS, the Administrative Office of the United States Courts has classified twenty-two judgeships as "judicial emergencies"; and

WHEREAS, Forty-three of President George W. Bush's judicial nominees are pending before the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, sixty-three percent of President Bush's Court of Appeals nominations have been to fill seats classified as judicial emergencies; and

WHEREAS, forty-two percent of President Bush's District Court nominations have been to fill seats classified as judicial emergencies; and

WHEREAS, a minority of senators have used dilatory tactics to prevent a Senate floor vote on six of President Bush's judicial nominees, all of whom were reported favorably by the Committee on the Judiciary; and

WHEREAS, each of President Bush's judicial nominees reported favorably by the Committee on the Judiciary enjoys the support of a majority of the United States Senate, as is required by the United States Constitution; be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Legislature of the State of _____ requests our United States Senators to work to allow a timely vote on the floor of the United States Senate on all judicial nominations.

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the state of _____'s Congressional Delegation.

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President George W. Bush's nominees to the federal judiciary have met with unprecedented obstruction in the United States Senate. In fact, some of President Bush's judicial nominees have been pending for more than 2 1/2 years, while more and more Court of Appeals and District Court seats are deemed judicial emergencies. For more information, visit www.fairjudiciary.com. For the U.S. Department of Justice's statistics on judicial nominations, visit <http://www.usdoj.gov/olp/judicialnominations.htm>.

Resolution Requesting the Congressional Delegation of the State of _____ to Pass a Permanent Ban on Internet Access Taxes.

WHEREAS, In 1998, and extended in 2001, Congress enacted the Internet Tax Freedom Act in order to protect consumers that used the Internet and encourage more individuals to access the Internet; and

WHEREAS, The legislation eliminated taxes on Internet access, double-taxation of a product or service bought over the Internet, and discriminatory taxes that treated Internet purchases differently from other types of sales; and

WHEREAS, The moratorium on Internet access led to the rapid growth of the Internet, which in turn brought good economic news; and

WHEREAS, We live in an age of innovation, where the medium of the Internet is sparking a sharp increase in entrepreneurship and opportunity, the likes of which have not been seen since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution: and

WHEREAS, Enacting a tax Internet access will do significant damage to the United States economy and decrease the standard of living for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, On September 17, 2003, the House of Representatives unanimously passed a permanent ban on all Internet access taxes, however, when the bill came to the Senate floor, pro-Internet tax Senators used parliamentary and other underhanded procedural tricks to force supporters of the legislation into negotiations; and

WHEREAS, Opponents of a tax free Internet used the negotiations to stall and stop final passage of a permanent ban on Internet access taxes in order to achieve their true desire and tax the Internet; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the _____ [House/Senate] of the state of _____, requests that the Senators from our state pass a clean, permanent, and technologically neutral extension of the Internet tax moratorium.

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the state of _____'s Congressional Delegation.

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The House of Representatives has unanimously passed a permanent ban on all Internet access taxes. However, pro-Internet tax Senators used parliamentary and other procedural tricks to stop passage in the Senate. Supporters of a tax-free Internet worked tirelessly to address the concerns expressed by the pro-tax Senators and their special interest friends. Unfortunately, these tax the net supporters used the negotiations to stall and stop final passage of a permanent ban on Internet access taxes in order to achieve their true desire and tax the Internet. Please go to www.stopinternettax.org for more information.

Resolution Requesting the Congressional Delegation of the State of _____ to End the Abuse of Tort Law Against the Firearms Industry

WHEREAS, Citizens have a right, protected by the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution, to keep and bear arms; and

WHEREAS, Lawsuits have been commenced against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, and importers of firearms that operate as designed and intended, which seek money damages and other relief for the harm caused by the misuse of firearms by third parties, including criminals; and

WHEREAS, The manufacture, importation, possession, sale, and use of firearms and ammunition in the United States are heavily regulated by Federal, State, and local laws including the Gun Control Act of 1968, the National Firearms Act, and the Arms Export Control Act; and

WHEREAS, Businesses in the United States that are engaged in interstate and foreign commerce through the lawful design, manufacture, marketing, distribution, importation, or sale to the public of firearms or ammunition that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce are not, and should not, be liable for the harm caused by those who criminally or unlawfully misuse firearm products or ammunition products that function as designed and intended; and

WHEREAS, Thirty-three states have passed legislation protecting firearms and ammunition manufacturers, H.R.1036 passed the United States House in an overwhelming bipartisan vote of 285 to 140, and S. 659 has Fifty-Five co-sponsors in the United States Senate; therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the _____ (House/Senate) of the State of _____ requests our elected Representatives and Senators in the United States Congress to end the abuse of tort laws against the firearms industry.

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the state of _____'s Congressional Delegation.

If you have any questions about this sample resolution, please contact Amanda Hydro at Americans for Tax Reform at (202) 785-0266.

The Second Amendment guarantees the rights of individuals to keep and bear firearms for lawful purposes, however over the past several years, over 30 cities and counties, as well as individuals, across the country have sued the gun industry. These anti-gun activists are attempting to bankrupt a lawful industry through numerous court cases, exorbitant court costs, and the threat of ruinous judgments. Please go to www.nra.org for more information.