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Taxpayer and Business Groups Will Key Vote Competition in Federal Jobs

--Six groups will score Congress based on competitive sourcing--

WASHINGTON — Americans for Tax Reform, the National Taxpayers Union, Citizens for a Sound Economy, the American Conservative Union, Council for Citizens Against Government Waste, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce announced that they will be key voting at least one competitive sourcing vote in this session of the 108th Congress.

Competitive sourcing is vital to limiting the size of government. It allows the private sector to offer more cost-effective alternatives for those commercial jobs performed by bureaucrats. Just like in the real world, the highest-value service receives the contract. Regardless of whether the government continues to perform the service or a private company takes over, cost savings are achieved in the process and taxpayers can breathe a little easier.

“Injecting free market forces into government services acts as a catalyst for cost reduction and less government,” said Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform. **“We see a direct correlation between an increase in competitive sourcing and a reduction of government expenditures and pressure for higher taxes. The same services that the government now provides will be done with greater quality, efficiency and (best of all) at a lower cost to the taxpayer.”**

A recent study by the Office of Management and Budget concluded that the limited amount of competitive sourcing allowed to date will save a net \$1.1 billion, or \$12000 per employee. In 89% of the competitions, the group representing existing federal workers won the contract.

“Exposing and eliminating inefficient and ineffective government expenditures is Congress’ responsibility to the American taxpayer,” continued Norquist. **“Competitive sourcing is one of the best ways to protect taxpayers against government waste.”**

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all federal and state tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jcollegio@atr.org.

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