



AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

MEMORANDUM

TO: Grover and Damon

FROM: Amanda

DATE: 5-20-04

RE: Southern New Jersey Center-Right Coalition Meeting

Date of meeting:	5-18-04
Number of people in attendance:	18
Length of meeting:	6:00 – 9:30 pm

- Gregg Edwards opened the meeting with introductions and an announcement on a Paramus Hearing regarding property taxes for Thursday in city hall.
- The meeting ran on the longer side, but I feel it was productive all the same.
- Majority of the meeting focused on a presentation of “The Return the Money Amendments” of which Empower the People is the driving force. Main proponents are to lower taxes now and to work towards phasing out property taxes in the future without raising taxes. The main proponent is that they are taking money from something that never happened; it will teach the state to control it’s spending at the local level and in return they will get a reward for their fiscal responsibility. *(I have given a copy of this plan to Paul – if anyone else would like one please let me know).*
- E3 – Excellent Education for Everyone presented their thoughts on how to reduce school costs without reducing educational quality. This is 1 of 3 studies underway 1) Suggestions on reducing school expenditures without reducing quality; 2) Evaluating vacancies; and 3) lowering costs within the school system.
- E3 is also defending truancy cases in the courts because once their school is deemed inadequate by the No Child Left Behind program they literally have no where else to go. This is a poke at the Unions because it is driving them crazy.
- New Jersey Family Policy passed out information on how citizens can stop same-sex marriage if they are so inclined, and the new Family Magazine 2004.