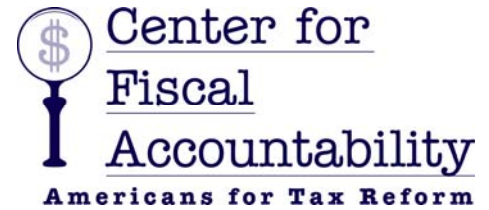




# AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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Dear State Party Chair,

In light of a growing movement to increase accountability and transparency in government spending that is currently sweeping the nation, we write to urge you to incorporate language that underscores the importance of such efforts into your state's party platform at the next opportunity, and to lend your support to the effort to incorporate such language into the national platform.

The movement to empower taxpayers, which at the state level was set off with Gov. Rick Perry posting his office's expenditures online in the fall of 2006, has so far led twelve states to pass legislation mandating the creation of searchable online databases detailing comprehensive information on government expenditures.

Aside from Gov. Rick Perry, Governors Blunt of Missouri, Sanford of South Carolina, Palin of Alaska, Jindal of Louisiana, and Gibbons of Nevada have taken matters into their own hands and issued executive orders to this effect, with websites in Missouri, Texas, South Carolina and Alaska already up and running. For more information, please refer to the enclosed one-pager and visit [www.atr.org](http://www.atr.org) and [www.fiscalaccountability.org](http://www.fiscalaccountability.org).

**The Republican Party platform should reflect this commitment to fiscal accountability.** We have submitted draft language to the congressional platform chairs which would underscore the GOP's dedication to transparency and accountability:

*The Republican Party acknowledges that accountability is one of the cornerstones of our Republic, and that transparency is the prerequisite to achieve accountability, a view that was already held by our Founding Fathers.*

*The movement towards greater fiscal accountability through online disclosure of government expenditures spurred by the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 holds great promise. While much progress has been made, more remains to be done.*

*The Republican Party urges all levels of government to create single, easily accessible Web sites that allow taxpayers to search and aggregate information on all government expenditures, while providing access to the expenditure document and accompanying documents, and in doing so, providing taxpayers with the tools to hold their government accountable.*

We urge you to support the inclusion of such language into the national platform as well as your state's platform and look forward to working with you to increase fiscal accountability.

Sincerely,

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