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SPECIAL ALERT TO ALL SENATE
TAX PLEDGE SIGNERS:

**S. 334, the “Healthy Americans Act,”
IS THE LARGEST TAX INCREASE
IN HISTORY
AND A TAX PLEDGE VIOLATION**

- S. 334, the “Healthy Americans Act,” is sponsored by Senator Ron Wyden (D-OR). It would create a mandatory socialized medicine system for everyone in America. This bill would require individuals to pay an income surtax (termed a “premium”) on their 1040 forms, and choose a health care plan from a government-controlled menu of plan options
- S. 334 would transform the current employment-based and individual-based health care system into a socialized system managed by the government and paid for with tax dollars
- The tax increases involved are staggering. **In the first year alone**, households would pay \$517 billion in tax “premiums,” businesses would pay \$89 billion for these higher taxes, payroll taxes would increase by \$65 billion, and business deductions would decline by \$23 billion. On net, S. 334 is a **first-year tax increase of \$642 billion**. ***This is by far the largest tax increase ever proposed in the history of the United States Congress.*** The above figures are from a December 2006 analysis by the Lewin Group that was obtained by Americans for Tax Reform.
- Because this bill raises income and payroll taxes by trillions of dollars more than it cuts them (potentially \$10 trillion over 10 years), supporting this bill is a clear and present violation of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge that 41 Senators have made to **their constituents**. These Senators Pledged to “...*oppose any net reduction or elimination of deductions and credits, unless matched dollar for dollar by further reducing tax rates...*”
- 41 Senators have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. Support of S. 334 is inconsistent with that Pledge to their constituents. A complete list can be found at <http://www.atr.org/pledge/national/incumbents.html>

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