



AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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President

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United States Senate
Washington, DC

Dear Senator,

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), I am writing to express our strong opposition to S. 3335, the Extenders Package Plus Tax Hikes and urge a “NO” vote. Americans for Tax Reform WILL RATE a vote against S. 3335.

This bill will permanently impose new taxes in order to temporarily fund the present tax code for one year. Passing this bill sets a dangerous precedent, allowing Congress to impose billions of dollars of new, permanent taxes to retain our current, flawed tax code. When the present tax code requires new taxes to sustain it, the logical step is to reform the tax code rather than perpetuate the cycle of feeding an already bloated system.

With the bill’s misleading title (“Jobs, Energy, Families, and Disaster Relief Act of 2008”), the Senate is using the hot-button energy issue as a vehicle to impose a tax increase on an unsuspecting American public. Ironically, the proposed tax increases will only further harm American families and jobs.

The American public does not need a permanent tax hike to further burden families during a period of record-high energy prices. They need a bi-partisan energy solution that will lessen American dependence on foreign oil and decrease gas prices.

Earlier this year, forty-one senators signed a letter to Senate Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D-MT) opposing on principle permanent tax increases merely to extend the present code. **Join these forty-one Senators and vote “NO” on S. 3335 as it is a permanent tax hike to fund a temporary tax code extension.**

Onward,

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