



AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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President

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Dear Legislator,

Today, you will have the opportunity to pass the 2008 Property Tax Reform Plan, a package that will provide meaningful tax relief to Georgians. In light of recent amendments made to this tax reform plan, I urge you to **seize this chance to score a victory for taxpayers in Georgia, and vote “yes” on this legislation.**

This plan is a tax cut for the hard-working citizens of Georgia. Estimates show that within the second year of enactment, taxpayers will save nearly 700 million of their hard-earned dollars. Specifically, the phase out of the car tag tax is a positive step toward ensuring that Georgia drivers are not penalized for driving to work or taking their children to soccer practice.

The taxpayer protections embodied in this plan will provide significant, long-term restrictions to the growth of government and minimize the burden of property taxes. By limiting the increase in assessed values of residential property and nonresidential property, the pinch of local property tax increases and the threat of backdoor tax hikes will ease. In addition to limitations on the amount of revenue taken in from local property taxes, taxpayers are assured that their property tax bills will not continue to soar.

When money is left in the hands of taxpayers, the state and local economy grow, and the breadth and size of government is minimized. The plan you have labored over has emerged as one that embodies transparent, undeniable tax relief for the hard-working people of Georgia.

Georgians will appreciate and reward your hard work and Speaker Richardson’s leadership in passing this tax relief package. I strongly urge you to take swift action to approve the 2008 Property Tax Reform Plan so that taxpayers may begin to enjoy a reduced tax burden.

Onward,

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