



# AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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*President*

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Dear Legislator,

This session, your dedication to taxpayers in Georgia is evident in light of your ongoing efforts to cut taxes. I write to applaud you for these efforts and urge you to seize this opportunity to provide Georgia taxpayers with meaningful tax relief.

Unlike many other state legislatures across the country who are battling over which taxes to raise and by what exponential rate to increase spending, **you are having the right kind of discussion- so much so that multiple tax cut proposals are on the table for debate.**

While tax cut plans being measured by both chambers are promising, you must take into consideration the amount of savings provided in each respective plan. The house plan, while providing about \$760 million a year in tax relief once fully implemented, does not go as far as the tax cut plan put forth by Lt. Gov. Cagle, which calls for a reduction in the personal income tax- **resulting in a savings of \$1.2 billion per year upon full implementation.**

Each dollar that is not in the hands of government and is back in the hands of taxpayers is another dollar in productive use. A reduction in the personal income tax rate will result in over 400 million more dollars flooding the private economy, spurring the overall growth of the Georgia state economy.

**In addition to providing the greatest relief, a cut in the income tax is the most pro-growth option on the table, and affords Georgia the opportunity to increase its competitiveness.** According to Americans for Tax Reform Foundation's Cost of Government Day Report, Georgia taxpayers worked 184 days in 2007 to pay for their share of government spending and regulation. With a cut in the income tax burden, Georgians will be able to spend more time working for their prosperity rather than to cover the cost of government.

On behalf of Georgia taxpayers, I applaud your efforts to reduce the tax burden on hard-working families in your state. **I urge you to use the momentum you have gained to enact the largest tax cut on the table.** Your efforts will certainly make Georgia a shining example for other state legislatures to follow.

Onward,

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