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## Passage of Measure 2 would Lower Taxes on Hardworking North Dakotans

*A "Yes" vote is Substantial Tax Cut*

WASHINGTON, D.C. –North Dakota is looking at a projected \$1.2 to \$1.3 billion general fund surplus this budget cycle. This translates into over 35 percent of the total biennial budget. With such projections, taxpayer advocates are calling for tax relief.

The government has a bad habit of taking taxpayer money not giving it back. The government in North Dakota has been taking too much taxpayer money from the looks of the surplus. Taxpayer should keep more of their money to spend as they see fit. On November 4<sup>th</sup>, the taxpayers will have the opportunity to make this right. If a majority of North Dakotans vote "Yes" on ballot Measure 2, they will see their personal state income taxes cut in half and they will see the state corporate income tax rate cut by 15%. If passed, North Dakotans will see substantial tax savings in years to come.

"Cutting taxes is a good stimulus for the economy. A yes vote on Measure 2 is a good thing. Anytime a taxpayer can keep their money it is better off, rather than giving it to the government to redistribute on programs and projects as they see fit. The government has enough of North Dakotans' earnings already; a \$1 billion plus surplus is proof of that," Norquist said. "This tax cut would in turn be more attractive to businesses also, in turn producing more jobs."

Americans for Tax Reform supports the opportunity of the people of North Dakota to vote on this initiative and is working to encourage support of the measure. This badly needed tax relief can go a long way in boosting economic growth, leaving more money in the pockets of the taxpayers to do with as they see fit.

Norquist continued, "Money should not be taken from Americans in order to give bureaucrats \$1 billion surpluses. That is money the government never should have had in the first place, and passing Measure 2 would go a long way toward fixing this wrong."