



AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

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Senator Tom Daschle
Office of the Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator:

Your decision to vote against the president's budget and more specifically your opposition to his tax relief legislation concerns us. On 31 October 1986, during your campaign for the United States Senate, you signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge to oppose tax increases. You broke that pledge to the people of South Dakota when you supported the tax increases of 1991 and 1993. And your actions over the past month trouble taxpayers and taxpayer advocates everywhere – especially in South Dakota.

You have continually criticized the President's tax relief package; you voted to deny income tax cuts to your South Dakota constituents; you voted to maintain the estate tax despite overwhelming support for its repeal in your heartland state; you opposed repeal of the marriage penalty tax.

With your rhetoric so vocal and positions so seemingly intransigent in opposition to the tax cut and in support of its repeal, **will you, Senator Daschle, commit to personally rejecting the tax relief passed by Congress that will save you over \$1500 this year and \$4000 when it is fully phased in?** Refusing to benefit from the elimination of the death tax, the reduction in the marriage penalty, the reduction in personal income tax rates, the doubling of child tax credits and any other tax cuts that pass would show real leadership in opposition to these principles.

Under present circumstances in America, the politics of greed and envy have no place in civil debate. Taxpayers deserve the tax reductions passed last year by a Congress that has overcharged them for years. **Your leadership in opposition to tax relief for the workers and farmers of South Dakota is hypocritical unless you pledge to your constituents that you will not accept the tax relief you attempted to keep from them.** Your failure to commit as such can only signify that your politics are far different than that of your constituents – and furthermore, that when it comes to public policy, you are, in fact, a hypocrite.

Sincerely yours,

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