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ATR OPPOSES ANY EFFORT TO SCALE DOWN PRESIDENT BUSH'S TAX CUT PACKAGE IN THE SENATE

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) opposes any effort by the Senate to scale down the size of the President's tax cut package. Votes on amendments offered on the floor to reduce the size of the tax cut will be scored in ATR's annual taxpayer ratings. A vote to reduce the President's package will be a vote against taxpayers.

Any argument against the size of the tax cut has been clearly refuted over the past three months.

- **Deficits are not causing interest rates to rise.** Quite the contrary, interest rates are at currently at record low levels. It is incumbent among people using this argument to demonstrate deficits raise interest rates. Opponents of tax cuts have failed to produce this evidence.
- **Budget surpluses do not create economic growth. Economic growth creates budget surpluses.** The previous surplus was the result of strong economic growth and restrained spending. The President's plan restores economic growth by boosting capital investment, increasing the stock market, and providing middle-class tax relief. Stronger economic growth will help the budget in the future.
- **Critics claim we should not cut taxes until to the war is over.** Hardly, the tax cut will work as an insurance policy against the negative effects stemming from a war, such as high oil prices.

The deficit has become a red herring for increased spending on special interests. Spending is highly correlated with deficit spending. Critics against the tax cut claim they are concerned about the deficit, but this is just smoke and mirrors for their real intentions to increase spending, balloon the deficit and raise taxes on working American families.

President Bush's tax cut is essential to all American taxpayers. **ATR URGES ALL MEMBERS OF THE SENATE TO VOTE NO ON ANY AMENDMENT TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF PRESIDENT BUSH'S TAX CUT.**

ATR WILL SCORE AMENDMENTS TO REDUCE PRESIDENT BUSH'S TAX CUT PACKAGE