



AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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LEGISLATIVE ALERT:

Americans for Tax Reform urges Members of Congress to
vote “NO” on H.R.1,
“American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.”

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This massive spending package promoted under the guise of economic “stimulus” is riddled with wasteful pork-barrel spending that will do nothing to “stimulate” the economy but will rather permanently grow the government and serve as a drain on taxpayer wallets.

The bill creates at least 32 new government programs and significantly increases funding for a myriad of existing programs in the context of which state governments are being rewarded for fiscal profligacy. There is a more-than-high likelihood that these funding levels will be permanently locked in rather than scaled back two years from now, and that taxpayers will be on the hook to pay for these increases indefinitely.

Beyond that, it is not hard to see through the “stimulus” rhetoric to realize that this bill serves to impose a political agenda on American taxpayers. Harmful regulation of the Internet, the expansion of Davis-Bacon prevailing wage requirements, and anti-trade/”Buy American” provisions are just the tip of the iceberg.

Furthermore, many of the so-called “tax cuts” contained in the bill actually are nothing more than increased welfare spending through the tax code.

Government cannot create wealth, and history underscores government’s failure to do so. ATR urges Congress to refrain from more money out of the productive sector of the economy to throw political favors in the form of hand-picked projects with dubious merits.

Rather than saddling taxpayers, who are already forced to bear the brunt of a series of recent government bailouts with even more government spending, Congress should work to reduce overall spending and red tape, and enact truly stimulative tax cuts.

Stand up for taxpayers - vote “NO” on H.R. 1