



## VOTE ALERT:

### Americans for Tax Reform Urges All Members of Congress to Vote “No” on the Conference Report for the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.”

On behalf of millions of American taxpayers, Americans for Tax Reform urges all Members of Congress to vote “No” on the “American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.”

In spite of lofty promises of transparency and accountability on the part of the Administration and Congressional leadership, these have been sorely lacking in the negotiation process, as Congressional leadership is set to rush this package through Congress against the background of dwindling support from the public.

By the time you will cast your votes, the text will have been publicly available for less than 18 hours. Taxpayers deserve better than being forced to shoulder a package that has been hastily crafted in secret with little opportunity for input from the Congressional minority, let alone the public.

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

It is not hard to see through the “stimulus” rhetoric to realize that this bill serves to impose a political agenda on American taxpayers.

Many of the provisions in the bill are questionable, at best, and will have no stimulative effect on the economy, such as expanded funding for Amtrak, more funding for the DTV conversion, funding for the Census Bureau, and fish hatcheries.

Furthermore, many of the so-called “tax cuts” contained in the bill actually are little 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 meaningful tax cuts that will grow the economy.

Stand up for taxpayers - vote “NO” on the Conference  
Report for the “American Recovery and Reinvestment  
Act!”

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