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Dear Senator,

As you know, you will be asked to vote on a massive spending package. Though the omnibus may have been far worse, on behalf of American taxpayers, **I urge you to instead work towards an appropriations bill that reflects real fiscal discipline.** It is disingenuous to pass a consolidated appropriations plan without the funding for the troops in Iraq. Merely shifting spending to a different bill or a later time should not be mistaken for fiscal restraint.

The “emergency” funding provisions are nothing more than anticipated spending under a different heading. Surely the majority realized there would be spending for the upcoming political conventions and for programs such as the Women, Infants and Children nutrition program.

The over 9000 earmarks included in the omnibus are alone enough of a reason to oppose the package as it now stands. A true (and welcome) fiscally responsible gift to bring back for constituents this holiday season would be a permanent extension of the 2003 tax cuts. **Earmarks make lousy presents for the taxpayers nationwide that must foot the bill.**

I urge you to pass a continuing resolution and continue to work to lower the unsustainable levels of federal spending. The gimmicks and excessive spending included in the omnibus should be resisted. **ATR may rate a vote against the omnibus in the Senate.**

Onward,

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