



NEWS

AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

1920 L Street, NW • Suite 200 • Washington, DC 20036
202.785.0266 • Fax 202.785.0261

WWW.ATR.ORG

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
28 JANUARY 2004

DC CONTACT: Paul Prosofski 202-785-0266
OR CONTACT: Jason Williams 503-603-9009
1800-No-On-Tax

Oregon Fact of the Day # 11

The Federal Tax Cuts Are YOUR Money – They Were Not Meant to Offset Higher State Spending!

Some big-spenders are arguing that, whether Measure 30 passes or fails, Oregonians will get a tax cut because President Bush's tax cuts are bigger than Oregon's tax increases. One example – the Bend, Oregon *Bulletin* ran a news story – **not an opinion piece** – entitled: “**Yes or No on M30, Taxes Will Be Less.**”

But President and Congress gave YOU a tax cut. They cut \$6 billion from the amount Oregon pays to the federal government in order to let the families, small businesses, and corporations in Oregon save, invest, and set their own priorities. President Bush did not want you to split your tax cut with the state!

The federal tax cuts were passed for two main reasons:

- To help families and businesses struggling to raise children, pay for health insurance, plan for the future
- To change the tax structure of employment, saving, and investing, in order to encourage more employment, saving, and investing, and ultimately, to achieve faster, more sustainable growth

What did the Bush tax cut do for Oregon families and businesses?

- Families got an extra \$500 per child tax credit to help pay the costs of raising children
- Married couples won the repeal of the **extra** tax they had to pay, just for getting married
- All workers got a reduction in their tax rate
- Small businesses got a reduction in their tax rate from 38.6% to 35% - a boon to job creation
- Small and large businesses got to write off more of their purchases – making expansion, modernization, and competitiveness easier and hiring more likely
- The cost of capital – in the form of dividends and capital gains – was dramatically lowered – making it easier for companies to get the money they need to expand, invest, and hire employees

The result? **An economic boom, with the economy growing at an 8.2% rate in the third quarter! And Oregon, with the highest unemployment in the nation, needs the tax cuts more than any other state.**

The big-spenders in Salem want you to split your tax cuts with them.

Why are they willing to jeopardize Oregon's recovery by denying Oregon the full benefits of the Bush Tax cuts?