



AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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Dear Senator,

As Ohioans are facing a struggling economy, I urge you to reject any and all tax increases that are presented to you. There is never a good time for a tax increase, but now in these economically tough times, it would be most detrimental to any prospect of economic growth and job creation.

Ohio is currently facing an \$800 million plus overspending problem that needs to be addressed. Governor Strickland initially pushed for slot machines in Ohio as a source of revenue for the FY 2010-2011 budget. Now after seeing the Ohio Supreme Court strike down this plan, Governor Strickland is pushing for an income tax hike. He is disingenuously calling his partial rollback of the 2005 income tax cut a freeze of the income tax rate, when in actuality it is a tax increase. The final phase of the income tax cuts that Gov. Taft and the Republican legislature put in place have already been enacted in the tax code as of January 1, 2009, this is a proposed tax hike.

Ohioans have already been investing and fueling the economy with their money that they have been able to keep from the final phase of these income tax cuts; to reverse these tax cuts with a tax increase would be an awful move in an already ailing economy. I urge you to vote no on any tax increase presented to you.

Ohio, as is the problem in many states, increased spending excessively during times of economic growth and now during the economic downturn is attempting to maintain heightened spending. States are now seeing the product of their overspending problems. In order to fix this problem, you should seize upon this time as an opportunity to cut wasteful spending, to enact reforms that save taxpayer dollars, and to streamline government.

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Onward,

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