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ATR Urges Senate to Reject Any Tax Hikes *Some in Senate Continue Pushing for Tax Hike*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Americans for Tax Reform again stated its opposition to tax increases as a way to resolve Ohio’s \$850 million overspending problem.

“I urge the Senate to reject any tax increase that would come out of committee and be pushed on the floor of the Senate. The Senators pushing this should be cleaning their hands of trying to push for a tax increase and leaving the Governor to pursue these economically detrimental tax increases. Tax increases are unwise at any time, but especially right now,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. **“As President of Americans for Tax Reform, I state our fervent opposition to the Ohio Senate’s pursuit of a tax increase. ”**

Some have been disingenuous in calling this tax increase something other than a tax increase. According to Senate President Bill Harris, these proposals to “freeze the tax cut” are actually a tax increase. In an [Oct. 29 article in the Columbus Dispatch](#), Sen. Harris was quoted as saying, “All of the small businesses that I’ve talked to, including my sons’, feel that it is a tax increase. We feel that especially small business would be very adversely impacted, and the result of that is to eliminate jobs.”

“Ohio government takes enough in tax dollars from the hardworking people of Ohio. As Senator Harris stated, this is considered a tax increase. It is not a ‘freeze’ in the income tax rate, it is a tax increase. The rate has already been changed and the government needs to live within its means. I would urge Senator Harris to push the entire Republican caucus to vote against any tax increase rather than trying to strike a deal with the Democrats.”

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or by email at jkartch@atr.org.

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