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## Senate Dems Reminded of Obama's "firm pledge" on Taxes

WASHINGTON, D.C.— The Senate healthcare bill contains [at least six tax increases on Americans making less than \\$250,000 per year](#), putting the bill in direct violation of President Obama's "firm pledge" not to raise "any form" of taxes on these families. As the Senate approaches a vote today on an amendment offered by Sen. Mike Crapo (R-Idaho) to send the healthcare bill to the Finance Committee to strip out these tax hikes, Americans for Tax Reform reminds Senators of Obama's repeated promise:

**Sept. 12, 2008:** Candidate Obama said the following:

*"I can make a firm pledge. Under my plan, no family making less than \$250,000 a year will see any form of tax increase. Not your income tax, not your payroll tax, not your capital gains taxes, not any of your taxes."* (Dover, NH) [[Transcript](#)] [[Video clip](#)]

**Oct. 3, 2008:** Vice-Presidential candidate Joe Biden said the following:

*"No one making less than \$250,000 under Barack Obama's plan will see one single penny of their tax raised," Biden said, "whether it's their capital gains tax, their income tax, investment tax, any tax."* [[Transcript](#)] [[Video Clip](#)]

**Feb. 4, 2009:** Speaking before a joint session of Congress, Obama said:

*"If your family earns less than \$250,000 a year, you will not see your taxes increased a single dime. I repeat: not one single dime."* [[Transcript](#)]

**April 15, 2009:** When asked if Obama's tax pledge applies "to the health care bill", White House spokesman Robert Gibbs replied:

*"The statement didn't come with caveats."* (White House Briefing) [[Transcript](#)]

**August 3, 2009:** Gibbs reiterates Obama's tax pledge:

*"I am reiterating the President's clear commitment in the clearest terms possible, that he's not raising taxes on those who make less than \$250,000 a year."* [[Transcript](#)]

**December 15, 2009:** Obama's promise remains for all to see at the [Change.gov website](#):

**"no family making less than \$250,000 will see their taxes increase."**

*Americans for Tax Reform 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](mailto:jkartch@atr.org).*

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