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Gov. Strickland's Income Tax Passes Punishing Ohio Taxpayers

*17 Senators vote to Pass Gov. Strickland's \$844 Million Income Tax
Increase one week before Christmas Eve*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, Americans for Tax Reform expresses great displeasure with the 17 Senators who voted Gov. Strickland's \$844 million tax increase. This tax increase will be used to help pay for the nearly \$851 million in overspending in the FY2010-2011 biennium.

“These 17 Senators are punishing the people of Ohio because they will not cut wasteful spending from the budget. Despite disingenuous attempts to call this tax increase by other names, this is a tax increase and it will hurt the pocketbooks of hardworking Ohioans,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. **“Senate President Bill Harris himself has said, ‘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.”**

For a list of those who voted to increase the income tax on Ohioans this holiday season, click [here](#) or see below.

Sen. Cafaro S-32 (D)
Sen. Carey S-17 (R)
Sen. Fedor S-11 (D)
Sen. Goodman S-03 (R)
Sen. Harris S-19 (R)*
Sen. Kearney S-09 (D)
Sen. D. Miller S-23 (D)
Sen. R. Miller S-15 (D)
Sen. Morano S-13 (D)

Sen. Niehaus S-14 (R)
Sen. Sawyer S-28 (D)
Sen. Schiavoni S-33 (D)
Sen. Smith S-21 (D)
Sen. Strahorn S-05 (D)
Sen. Turner S-25 (D)
Sen. Wagoner S-02 (R)
Sen. Wilson S-30 (D)

*denotes Senate President

“This holiday season, 17 Scrooges from Ohio voted to increase the income tax, in turn hurting families and businesses.”

*Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases.
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