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Taxpayer Groups Rejects DNC Chairman/Governor's Proposal to Increase Taxes

Tim Kaine pushes tax increases in budget on way out the door

Washington, D.C. – Today, Gov. Tim Kaine (D), introduced an \$81 billion FY2011-2012 budget. The Governor's budget cut \$2.3 billion from the budget which is commendable, but in addition to cutting spending he has included taxes in his budget.

In statements from Governor-elect Bob McDonnell and Speaker of the House Bill Howell the notion that tax increases would be part of the formula for the FY2011-2012 budget was rejected. Americans for Tax Reform is supportive of their remarks opposing tax increases in the outgoing Governor's budget.

"I reject this notion by DNC Chairman Tim Kaine that all the fat has been cut from the Virginia budget and that all Virginia legislators can do now is raise taxes. Dropping this budget as he exits office is simply irresponsible," said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. **"Governor Kaine's proposal would further burden the taxpayers of Virginia at a time when they can least afford it. His proposal is exactly why they rejected Senator Creigh Deeds this past election cycle."**

Americans for Tax Reform urges Governor-elect Bob McDonnell, the Senate, and the House of Delegates to reject any tax increase being proposed in the upcoming session.

"There is never a good time to raise taxes, but especially now would be detrimental to seeing Virginia climb out of these economically troubling times. It is good to see tax increases being taken off the table and being declared a non-starter, I urge their continued fervency against higher taxes."

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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