

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

11 MARCH 2010

CONTACT: John Kartch  
jkartch@atr.org  
202-785-0266

## Will Congressman Baron Hill Hike Taxes on Hill-Rom Workers in Batesville?

### *New Obama healthcare plan endangers 15,548 Indiana jobs*

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Buried in the latest government healthcare plan proposed by President Obama is a new tax on medical device manufacturers, who make everything from prosthetic limbs to pacemakers. The bill imposes a new tax of \$2 billion per year (rising to \$3 billion in 2017) on the industry. Congressman Baron Hill will have a chance to vote on this bill later this year.

This new tax will particularly hit the Hill-Rom facility in Batesville, Indiana. It employs 2,000 people—workers who may find themselves with a pink slip instead of a paycheck if this jobs-killing tax hike goes through.

**“Washington politicians like to talk about jobs, but speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi and President Barack Obama want to raise taxes on the medical device industry that will kill jobs,”** said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. **“Congressman Hill can talk all he wants. Now he has a choice to vote with the Democrat leadership and kill jobs in Indiana or to summon the courage to vote against the Democrat leadership and protect those jobs.”**

Statewide, there are 15,548 employees working for the medical device industry. One out of every 190 workers in Indiana is employed in the medical device industry. The average medical device worker in Indiana earns \$43,000, higher than the state average of \$31,500. Statewide, there were \$7,068,951 in medical device sales in Indiana in the latest reporting year.

Congressman Baron Hill VOTED FOR this same tax hike just last year. How will the Congressman vote this time?

There are other medical device manufacturing employees in Congressman Baron Hill’s district who are endangered by this tax hike. They work at the following location:

- Medventure Technology in Jeffersonville -- Medventure employs 200 people

*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).*

###