

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Bill Thomas
Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means
1102 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Thomas:

We are writing to express our strong support for your efforts to enact meaningful **tax relief** without including any "tax increases" or "revenue raisers" to offset the tax relief. We do not believe this Congress should raise taxes on some individuals and businesses in order to provide tax relief to others.

Under your leadership, the House passed H.R. 2, the Jobs and Growth Reconciliation Act of 2003. This measure will help to relieve the tax burden while at the same provide a better environment in which businesses can create new jobs. Importantly, your bill did not contain any tax increases. As you know, tax increases force businesses to eliminate jobs, not create them. That is why we are so disappointed that the Senate bill, as reported out of the Senate Finance Committee, contains so many tax hikes.

When House and Senate negotiators begin to resolve differences between the House and Senate bills, we strongly urge you to hold the line against any tax increases. In fact, we hope you will oppose inclusion of tax increases in this and every other tax or jobs bill that might move during this Congress.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this issue. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us should you need our assistance.

Sincerely,





Cc: Speaker J. Dennis Hastert
Majority Leader Tom DeLay
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