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U.S. House of Representatives  
U.S. Capitol  
Washington, D.C. 20510

To the Members of the House of Representatives:

As you are well aware, the Joint Select Committee will soon be delivering its recommendations to both houses of Congress. The American people are deeply concerned that a gargantuan tax increase will be included in that proposal. We urge you to make certain that members of the Joint Select Committee understand that any tax increase will be dead on arrival in the House of Representatives.

The Republican Study Committee is currently circulating a letter to the members of the Joint Select Committee that makes clear “increasing the tax burden on American businesses and citizens, especially during a fragile recovery, is irresponsible and dangerous to the health of the United States.” As such, we urge you, if you have not already done so, to please sign this letter.

Since 2007, the total budget was just \$2.728 trillion with only a \$160.7 billion deficit. Now, in 2011, according to the Office of Management and Budget, the budget will be \$3.771 trillion with a \$1.597 trillion deficit, a 893 percent increase in the deficit in just four years. With tax rates essentially the same, a portion of the \$1.436 trillion increase in the deficit has been the recession, when revenues plummeted from \$2.567 trillion in 2007 to a projected \$2.174 trillion for 2011. But that only accounts for \$393 billion of the increased shortfall. The rest of it was \$1.043 trillion in spending increases.

That means 72.6 percent of the problem is too much spending, and at least 72.6 percent of the solution must be dramatic spending reductions. The other 27.4 percent of the solution then must entail economic growth, job creation, and encouraging investment here in America. We don't have a problem that we tax too little, we have a problem that we spend too much.

Please sign the Republican Study Committee letter so the Joint Select Committee knows any tax increase will be soundly defeated in the House of Representatives.

Sincerely,

William Wilson  
President  
Americans for Limited Government