



March 4, 2010

The Honorable John McCain
United States Senate
241 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator McCain:

On behalf of the 362,000 members of the National Taxpayers Union (NTU), over 8,000 of which reside in your home state of Arizona, I write to congratulate you for winning our 2009 "Taxpayers' Friend Award." This award was given through our "NTU Rates Congress" program, where we paint a comprehensive view of a Member's fiscal responsibility by weighing every vote having a significant impact on tax, fiscal, trade, and regulatory policy.

In the 1st Session of the 111th Congress, we calculated scores based on 227 roll call votes in the United States Senate. Your score of 93%, for a grade of "A," placed you 3rd out of the 97 Senators that received a rating.

As the economy recovers and Americans go back to work, families and their budgets will need more protection than ever. It is for that reason that I hope we can count on you to defend the forgotten special interest in Washington: taxpayers!

Again, thank you and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Duane Parde
President