



June 16, 2010

The Honorable Jeff Flake
240 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Flake,

We write to urge your colleagues in the House of Representatives to co-sponsor and otherwise support the Debt Buy-Down Act of 2010. This bill provides a responsible mechanism for proscribing some of the overzealous spending that has placed an onerous burden on American taxpayers.

The bill, which has received bipartisan support in previous Congresses, would allow taxpayers some control over the government's use of their tax dollars. It would provide a line on tax returns that would enable taxpayers to devote up to ten percent of their tax liability to debt reduction.

Allowing taxpayer direction of revenue usage is a good first step, but this bill gets to the heart of the national fiscal problem by requiring rescissions to be made that reflect the amount of debt paid down by taxpayers.

This ensures that action taken by taxpayers to reduce the debt is taken seriously and made permanent. If Congress fails to terminate equivalent spending amounts, this bill would enact across-the-board cuts in spending to protect the savings from the taxpayer-directed rescissions.

Recognizing that the unsustainable spending promoted by this Congress and Administration has put the country in a fiscally unstable position, taxpayers are gravely concerned about the growing government burden they are required to shoulder. It is our hope that this plan will ultimately lead to decreased spending and ease the tax burden suffered by American families.

The Debt Buy-Down Act provides taxpayers a serious remedy for the government's overspending problem and thus we urge Members to strongly support this bill.

Sincerely,

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