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**ATR WILL DOUBLE RATE
THE BLUE DOG DEMOCRAT
PLEDGE VIOLATING TAX INCREASE
IN THE WAR SUPPLEMENTAL BILL**

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This week, the U.S. House of Representatives will be voting on a supplemental appropriations bill to fund our troops. At the insistence of supposedly-conservative “Blue Dogs,” the Democrat majority has included a provision to give extra education subsidies to veterans, **and has proposed to pay for this additional funding with a \$54 billion income tax increase.** In particular, a 0.5% “surtax” would be imposed on families and small businesses with adjusted gross income of \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 married filing jointly).

According to IRS Data, this tax increase will affect some 325,000 small business owners. These partners, S-corporation owners, and sole proprietors pay their business taxes at the individual level, and will see a higher marginal tax rate as a result of this tax increase. These entrepreneurs employ tens of millions of Americans, so this tax hike bill is also a jobs-killer.

This income tax increase is a clear violation of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge. 191 Congressmen have pledged *to their constituents and the American people* to never vote for an income tax increase.

A vote to raise taxes in a manner that violates the Pledge is so serious that ATR will double-rate a vote on this bill. **In addition, any Congressman voting for this bill will be ineligible to receive ATR’s 2008 “Hero of the Taxpayer Award,” no matter what their voting record is otherwise.**

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