

# TAX RELIEF COALITION

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## *To All Members of the U.S. House of Representatives:*

On behalf of the more-than-1,000 members of the Tax Relief Coalition, representing more than 1.8 million businesses, we are writing to urge you to oppose the proposed income tax rate increase that will be considered by the House as an amendment to the Iraq war supplemental.

This so-called "Patriot Tax Surcharge, proposed to "pay for" increased domestic spending added to the war supplemental appropriations bill, will fall most damagingly on America's small businesses which pay taxes at individual tax rate. These companies can ill afford the imposition of an additional tax burden as they struggle with our slowing economy. Moreover, this income tax increase would negatively impact American workers, since small businesses create the vast majority of new jobs in our economy.

The Tax Relief Coalition firmly believes that the tax reductions enacted in 2001 and 2003 helped pull us out of recession, spur economic growth and create millions of new jobs. If Congress fails to act to extend or make permanent those tax reductions, it will result in the largest tax increase in American history, one that cannot help but impose serious economic harm.

Rather than considering ill-conceived marginal tax rate increases or surcharges, Congress should be taking affirmative and decisive action to preserve the current tax policies. We urge you to oppose the income tax surcharge amendment to the supplemental appropriations bill.

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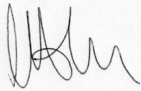
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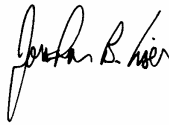
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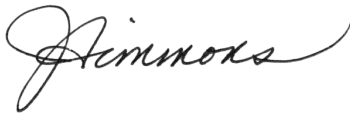
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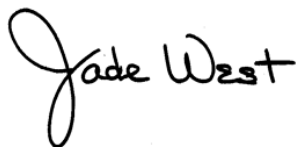
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