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Dear Leader McConnell and Ranking Member Grassley:

I write today to congratulate you on your letter of July 3, 2008 to Senators Harry Reid (D-NV) and Max Baucus (D-MT) concerning the so-called “tax extenders package.”

The consistent and principled position of the Senate GOP leadership is the correct one: mere extensions of present tax law shouldn't have to be “paid for” with permanent new tax increases. Conceding this vital point would mean “paying for” the same tax policies again and again, year after year. After several years, the American taxpayer would see record levels of taxation—all for the sake of keeping in place current tax relief. Those who wish to see taxes permanently raised on others in order to ward off a tax increase on themselves would do well to remember that they may be tomorrow's sacrificial victim.

Whether the legislation concerns tax extenders, the AMT patch, or other extensions of present tax law, this principle abides. **Americans for Tax Reform** has and will score against each and every such vote for permanent new tax increases merely to pay for present tax law in our “Hero of the Taxpayer” Congressional scorecard.

Vigilance is the constant price of liberty, and I applaud your consistent and principled stand against higher taxes to “pay for” present tax law.

Sincerely,

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