



2008 SURVEY OF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES

Please complete and fax this survey to NTU as soon as possible.

108 North Alfred Street, Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone: 703-683-5700

Fax: 703-683-5722

Website: www.ntu.org

E-mail: kcapp@ntu.org

1. **TAX LIMITATION AMENDMENT TO U.S. CONSTITUTION.** I will work and vote for a U.S. Constitutional Amendment to require a roll-call vote of at least two-thirds of the whole number of each House of Congress to increase revenue in any way.
 YES NO UNDECIDED

2. **BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT TO U.S. CONSTITUTION.** I will work and vote for a U.S. Constitutional Amendment to require that (a) total federal outlays for any fiscal year shall not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year without at least a three-fifths vote of the whole number of each House of Congress; (b) the limit on United States debt held by the public shall not be increased without at least a three-fifths vote of the whole number of each House; and (c) no bill to increase revenue shall become law unless approved by at least a majority of the whole number of each House by a roll-call vote. These provisions can be waived only under a declaration of war or a joint resolution (passed by a majority of the whole number of each House) declaring an imminent and serious threat to national security.
 YES NO UNDECIDED

3. **SOCIAL SECURITY CHOICE.** I recognize that Social Security will default on its obligations to future retirees unless fundamental reforms are made. Therefore, I will work and vote for a system of Social Security Choice that will allow younger workers to have the choice of investing much of their Social Security taxes in regulated individual retirement accounts. Current retirees and those nearing retirement would not have any change in their Social Security benefits. Social Security Choice will give younger workers the option of ownership of personal Social Security accounts, with higher rates of return and better benefits than are possible under the current system.
 YES NO UNDECIDED

4. **MEDICARE REFORM.** Medicare's official Trustees project that the Part A Hospital Insurance Trust Fund will begin to run deficits in 2013 and go bankrupt in 2019. Accordingly, I will work and vote for Medicare reforms that emphasize slowing the growth of program spending without raising taxes of any kind.
 YES NO UNDECIDED

5. **SPENDING RESTRAINT.** I will work and vote for a freeze of total non-defense discretionary spending for at least the first two fiscal years beginning after the 2008 general election. I will not vote for any budgetary gimmicks (such as claiming non-emergency spending as emergency spending) and will not vote to waive budgetary rules that restrain rather than raise taxes and spending.
 YES NO UNDECIDED

6. **NO TAX INCREASE.** I believe the current tax burden on Americans is too high. Therefore, I will (a) vote against ANY increase of ANY tax – including individual income taxes, corporate income taxes, payroll taxes, and excise taxes; (b) work and vote for continuation of all the tax relief enacted since January 2001 (I recognize that ending any tax relief is an actual tax increase); and (c) vote against any attempt to repeal, limit, or delay income tax indexing, which prevents inflation from bumping taxpayers into higher tax brackets.
 YES NO UNDECIDED

Next Page, Please

7. **MAJOR TAX REFORM.** I will work and vote to repeal the entire federal Tax Code and completely replace it.
 YES NO UNDECIDED
8. **TAX REFORM CHOICE.** If you answered Yes to Question 7, please state reforms you will support (check one or more):
- A national retail sales tax that provides reasonable protection for low-income people, with a U.S. Constitutional Amendment to abolish and prohibit all federal income taxes after a transition period.
- A single, low, flat-rate income tax with a large exemption for each taxpayer and dependent, with a U.S. Constitutional Amendment to prohibit more than one income tax rate.
- Other (specify) _____
9. **PERMANENT TAX RELIEF.** I will work and vote to make permanent all of the tax relief enacted since January 2001, including but not limited to the across-the-board income tax rate cuts, repeal of the death tax, reduction of the marriage tax penalty, and incentives for investment and retirement savings.
 YES NO UNDECIDED
10. **PRO-GROWTH TAX RELIEF.** I will work and vote for these types of pro-growth tax relief to help stimulate the economy, both promptly and long-term (please check an answer for EACH proposal):
- Complete elimination** of the marriage tax penalty, by allowing each married couple to split their total taxable income in half and pay single-person rates on each half YES NO UNDECIDED
- Further across-the-board reduction of income tax rates YES NO UNDECIDED
- Further capital gains tax relief YES NO UNDECIDED
- Repeal personal alternative minimum tax YES NO UNDECIDED
- Repeal corporate alternative minimum tax YES NO UNDECIDED
11. **OPPOSE INTERNET TAXATION.** I oppose Internet taxation. I will work and vote for a permanent ban on all types of taxes targeted to the Internet or Internet access. I will oppose all proposals to compel vendors to collect sales taxes on out-of-state sales.
 YES NO UNDECIDED
12. **RESPONSIBLE BILL SPONSORSHIP.** I will ensure that the legislation I sponsor or cosponsor will, if enacted in its totality, cause a net reduction in federal spending.
 YES NO UNDECIDED
13. **EARMARK REFORM.** I will work and vote for an end to the practice of earmarking federal spending in legislation and in conference reports. An “earmark” is defined here as a provision that specifies the identity of an entity to receive assistance and the amount of the assistance, or is not part of statutory language, or is proposed exclusively during the conference process.
 YES NO UNDECIDED
14. **EARMARK PLEDGE.** In the absence of legislation or rules to ban or impose a moratorium on earmarks, I will neither seek nor accept for my district an earmark, as defined in Question 13.
 YES NO UNDECIDED

Next Page, Please, to Complete Contact Information



2008 SURVEY OF CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES

CERTIFICATION

I understand that my answers to this survey will be published.
My answers are a firm and unconditional commitment to the people of the United States.

CAMPAIGN INFORMATION (PLEASE PRINT)

CANDIDATE NAME _____

CANDIDATE (OR AUTHORIZED) SIGNATURE _____

NAME OF SIGNER (IF OTHER THAN CANDIDATE) _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____

E-MAIL _____ WEBSITE _____

CANDIDATE FOR: HOUSE SENATE PARTY _____

STATE _____ DISTRICT _____ DATE _____