



AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

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U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Member:

As you are aware, Rep. Chris Cox (R-CA) will soon introduce legislation to extend the Internet tax moratorium permanently. **I strongly urge you to cosponsor this legislation and ensure continued unfettered growth for the Internet and the U.S. economy.**

The Internet Tax Non-Discrimination Act, signed by President Bush on December 3, 2004, extended the Internet Tax Freedom Act, prohibiting taxes on Internet access. Unfortunately, the moratorium will expire in 2007, opening the door for pro-tax forces to again target Internet access as a source of revenue. A permanent moratorium will end the uncertainty under which Internet providers and users must now operate, allowing the Internet to continue to flourish.

Without a permanent ban on Internet taxation, states and localities might one day be free to subject the Internet to the same labyrinth of taxes that has strangled telecommunications for a century. Such a tax would have a disastrous effect on the rapid innovation that has defined the Internet for a decade.

Prohibiting Internet access taxes is of major concern to the taxpayer movement. I strongly urge you to cosponsor Rep. Cox's forthcoming legislation extending the Internet tax moratorium permanently. **ATR may rate cosponsorship of Internet tax moratorium extension as a vote for taxpayers.**

Onward,

Grover Norquist