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ATR WILL DOUBLE RATE CAFTA AS A VOTE FOR FREE TRADE

Americans for Tax Reform strongly supports the Central American Free Trade Agreement, and urges swift congressional action to enact the agreement. **Therefore, ATR will double rate a vote for CAFTA as a vote for free trade.**

CAFTA will introduce approximately \$17 billion into the U.S. economy, and open new markets for U.S. products. The agreement continues the Bush Administration's policy of trade liberalization by creating a free trade area involving the United States, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, El Salvador, and Honduras. Further, CAFTA will encourage six democratic governments who have resisted anti-American and protectionist pressures from others in the region.

CAFTA has the potential to make the United States the lead supplier of goods and services to an area boasting a market of 45 million people and trade totaling over \$33 billion. When implemented, 80 percent of U.S. exports to CAFTA nations will immediately become duty-free. CAFTA also contains strong intellectual property rights protections.

ATR STRONGLY ENDORSES AND WILL DOUBLE RATE CAFTA