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Burr Amendment (#2548) on S-CHIP Is a TAX INCREASE of \$800 Billion and a TAXPAYER PROTECTION PLEDGE VIOLATION

- Senator Richard Burr (R-NC) (for himself and Senators Corker, Coburn, and Martinez) has offered an amendment to the S-CHIP bill that raises net income taxes by approximately \$800 billion over 10 years. **THIS IS A PLEDGE VIOLATION.**
- ATR does not oppose refundable credits for non-taxpayers as a matter of health care policy. However, refundable credits for non-taxpayers are spending, not a tax cut (e.g. the Earned Income Tax Credit).
- Eliminating an income tax deduction to pay for this spending (which the Burr amendment does) is a **TAX INCREASE.**
- Any such income tax increase is a violation of the “Taxpayer Protection Pledge” which 42 Senators, 196 Congressmen, and President Bush have made to their constituents.
- “Budget Neutral” isn’t good enough if all it does is balance Washington’s budget at the expense of the family budget.

**“Budget Neutral” Can Still Be a Spending and Tax Increase—
Don’t Be Fooled into Violating Your Pledge**

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