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ATR WILL RATE A VOTE
AGAINST H.R. 6275,
TEMPORARY AMT PATCH WITH
PERMANENT TAX HIKES

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This week, the U.S. House of Representatives will vote on H.R. 6275, a bill which permanently increases income taxes in order to “pay for” a one-year, hold-harmless “patch” of the alternative minimum tax (AMT). **Because mere extensions of present tax rules should never have to be “paid for” by permanent tax increases, Americans for Tax Reform WILL RATE a vote against H.R. 6275.** A vote for H.R. 6275 is a vote against taxpayers.

The AMT was never meant to be a broad-based tax on the middle class. Originally enacted during the Vietnam War to prevent less than 200 high-income taxpayers from avoiding income tax entirely, the AMT beast now ensnares fully 4 million families. Unless Congress acts soon to prevent the AMT from expanding, it will trap 26 million families in 2008.

Consider the alternative: Congress passes, year after year, permanent new tax increases to simply keep the AMT at bay from tens of millions of new families. Each year, taxes permanently go up, up, up. Before long, taxes will consume a record amount of national income, wrecking the economy. All this, merely to keep the AMT we presently endure.

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