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Zack Space Paves the Way for Burdensome Taxing and Spending

Space Rubber-stamps \$3.5 Trillion in Big Government Spending at Expense of American Families

Washington- Rep. Zack Space (D-OH) voted today to pass a federal budget that leaves the door wide open for Obama and Pelosi to jam through their costly big government agenda at the expense of struggling middle-class families. After coming to Congress on promises of putting his constituents in Ohio first, Space blindly signed-off on this reckless budget that was negotiated by party bosses behind closed doors (*House Roll Call 216*).

Zack Space supported the budget's \$3.5 trillion dollar price tag, which will pile mountains of debt onto our children and grandchildren for generations to come. His vote begs the question: Just how big will Zack Space let the government get?

"Zack Space's troubling pattern of simply signing off on reckless spending is not the answer to every problem," said NRCC Communications Director Ken Spain. "While Ohio families have been forced to tighten their belts and make tough decisions, it is an insult that Zack Space continues to irresponsibly squander their hard-earned tax dollars."

The budget Space supported will raise taxes on low and middle-class Americans, and small businesses:

"...they're allowing his signature tax cut for most workers to expire after next year. ...the plan would allow Obama's signature \$400 tax cut for most workers and \$800 for couples to expire at the end of next year." (*Andrew Taylor, "Lawmakers advancing much of Obama's budget agenda," Associated Press, 4/28/09*)

President Obama himself said that small businesses are at the "heart of the economy," yet with this budget, Democrats will be able to hike taxes in a flailing economy at the expense of small businesses. (*Lori Montgomery and V. Dion Haynes, "Small Businesses Brace for Tax Battle," Washington Post, April 27, 2009*)

The budget Space supported will pave the way for Congress to enact a devastating national energy tax:

"...every single one of us will see higher energy prices as a result of his budget. By hiking taxes on energy companies and imposing a gigantic global warming tax, Obama virtually ensures rising costs for the energy we need." (*Op-Ed by Andrew Moylan, National Taxpayers Union, "Obama budget will increase energy costs," Detroit News, April 16, 2009*)

The budget Space supported will open the door to allow Congress to enact programs such as government-run healthcare that could cause as many as 120 million Americans to lose their current healthcare coverage:

"...the public plan would enroll about 131.2 million people (includes some uninsured who

become covered). The number of people with private health insurance would decline by about 119.1 million people... This is equal to about 70 percent of all people currently covered under private health insurance...” (*The Cost and Coverage Impacts of a Public Plan: Alternative Design Options*, The Lewin Group, April 6, 2009, <http://www.lewin.com/content/publications/LewinCostandCoverageImpactsofPublicPlan-Alternative%20DesignOptions.pdf>)

The budget Space supported will bury America’s children and grandchildren under insurmountable mountains of debt:

“But the budget pact also predicts dispiriting deficits that peak at \$1.7 trillion in 2009...” (Andrew Taylor, “Lawmakers advancing much of Obama’s budget agenda,” *Associated Press*, 4/28/09)

Unfortunately for Ohio families, this isn’t the first time Space has demonstrated his willingness to toe the party line at the expense of his constituents. So far, Zack Space has failed to be anything more than a rubber-stamp for Democrats in Congress by voting with his party 96.4 percent of the time (according to the Washington Post’s party unity score). Will Zack Space ever put his constituents in Ohio before his party bosses in Washington?

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