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LINDER RE-INTRODUCES FAIRTAX BILL

Bill Gaining Momentum on First Day of 108th Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congressman John Linder (R-Georgia) is wasting no time in his drive to see the FairTax become reality during the 108th Congress, re-introducing the bill on today's first day of the new session. The FairTax bill, which Linder introduced in both the 106th and 107th Congresses, would replace all federal income taxes, payroll taxes, capital gains taxes, and death taxes with a national retail sales tax.

"I am more enthusiastic than ever about seeing the FairTax become reality," said Linder. "The possibility of doing away with the IRS and putting the nation on a simple, fair, and voluntary tax system is building excitement among folks around the country every day. It is the right thing to do, and it now finally seems like the right time to do it," Linder continued.

Linder had previously introduced the FairTax bill in July 1999 and July 2001 as H.R. 2525. However, Linder's continued work in seeking the support of both his House and Senate colleagues, and of the Bush Administration, has convinced him that introducing the bill on the first day of the 108th Congress as H.R. 25 reflects the additional momentum the bill has gained at the grassroots level.

"More and more of my colleagues have expressed interest in the FairTax in the last two years, because they are hearing about it from their constituents," said Linder. "The desire to get rid of the intrusive and burdensome IRS forever can be a tremendous motivating force for public policy," Linder continued.

In recent months, Linder has met with several key officials in the Bush Administration about the FairTax, explaining the benefits of the system, which include giving all Americans the ability to choose how much to spend in taxes, allowing Americans to keep 100 percent of their paycheck, dramatically reducing prices, and protecting the future funding of Social Security and Medicare.