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Dear Congressman Blackburn:

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform, I am pleased to support H.R. 7308, the “State and Local Sales Tax Deduction Expansion Act of 2008.”

Lately in Washington, policymakers have been pretty free-wheeling with taxpayer money. Every week, it seems another company is getting a check from Washington for tens of billions of dollars. The funding for this, of course, comes from taxpayers.

H.R. 7308 takes another approach. It would allow all taxpayers to deduct both their state and local income taxes paid as well as their state and local sales taxes paid. Under current law, taxpayers must choose one or the other. Your bill would give all Americans the ability to choose to deduct both.

This is a far better approach than simply giving taxpayer dollars to corrupt CEOs, rent-seeking union bosses, or dubious “community activist” groups. H.R. 7308 lets Americans keep their own money. They earned it—they should keep it.

I look forward to a robust debate on your bill, and am glad to support it.

Sincerely,

Grover Norquist

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