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November 18, 2010

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
Office of the Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
H-232 Capitol
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

I am proud of our record of passing tax relief for middle-class families. As just one example, through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, we provided tax cuts to more than 97 percent of New Mexican families.

On December 31, the 2001 and 2003 Bush tax cuts for the wealthy will expire. In the coming weeks we have the opportunity to take a stand for the middle class—extending tax cuts for individuals who make less than \$200,000 and families who make less than \$250,000. Some are suggesting we pass another budget-busting giveaway to millionaires and billionaires. I cannot support such an unfair and fiscally irresponsible course of action.

We've seen the results of the 2001 and 2003 Bush tax cuts for the wealthy—record deficits and a tax code that encourages wealth stagnation rather than innovation. Returning to the same failed policies of the Bush administration, which took our country from surpluses to record debt, is completely unacceptable.

Instead, I support cutting taxes for middle-class working families, seniors, and small business owners. This fiscally-responsible choice provides relief for working families who can ill-afford a tax increase during difficult times, while raising revenue to pay down our national debt, which currently stands at \$13.4 trillion.

I look forward to working with you to pass fiscally responsible, middle-class tax relief.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Martin Heinrich", written over a horizontal line.

MARTIN HEINRICH
Member of Congress