

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

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Dear Colleague:

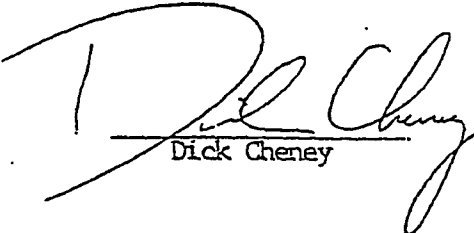
We are writing to solicit your signature on a letter which we plan to send to Chairman Packwood this Friday, April 18. A copy of the proposed letter is on the reverse.

The purpose of the letter is to state our concern about the provisions in the Senate mark-up vehicle affecting excise taxes. These excise taxes are not borne by the corporations that collect those taxes and pay them to the Federal Government. Either directly or indirectly these taxes are paid by consumers.

Just as important, the provisions in the Senate mark-up vehicle could have a devastating impact on low and moderate income families. Recent studies indicate that lower income families will lose more of their income tax cut to increased excise taxes than higher income individuals. Moreover, the fact that excise taxes on such luxury items as furs and jewelry have been repealed exacerbates the unfairness of seeking revenue by raising the remaining excise taxes.

For these reasons, we have put together the letter to Chairman Packwood. If you would like to co-sign, or if you have any questions, please contact Anne Toulouse or Jeff Krasney at 5-2671.

Yours very truly,


Dick Cheney


Jim Chapman


Dick Gephardt