

ASK AMERICA

Nationwide Policy Survey

A Special Project of the Republican Party

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Dear Friend,

You have been selected from a pool of 1,000 names submitted from your area to participate in a National Policy Survey called **ASK AMERICA**.

The Republican Party is conducting this nationwide grass-roots project as a critical part of our efforts to continue to strengthen our Party by getting more Americans involved.

Its goal is to help the Leadership of the Republican Party gain an on-going and in-depth understanding of the issues which are of greatest concern to Americans like you.

Never before in the history of the Republican Party has such an enormous and critical project been launched. The ultimate results will shape the future of our Party and our Nation.

So the minute you finish reading this letter, please complete the enclosed **ASK AMERICA** national survey and return it to me in the envelope provided.

With President Bush overseeing the war on terror and constantly under siege by Democrats and other liberal special interests here at home, it is vital that we have your answers immediately to prove what Americans in your area really want.

And as the President begins his second term, we need to know exactly how you feel about America's War on Terror, and how secure you feel here at home...

...We need to know your direct views on many of the most important issues facing our nation: the economy, national defense, overhaul of America's tax system, health care, Social Security reform, legal and medical malpractice reforms, and much more.

With powerful special-interest groups and deep-pocket Washington lobbyists working behind the scenes to influence political decision-making, I think it is time that we find out what you, the hard-working American taxpayers, really want.

This survey, registered in your name, will serve as a mandate from you. And with major issues in Congress consistently being decided by just a few votes, I can't overstate how crucial it is that you have direct input on national decision-making.

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As you well know, despite President Bush's strong win in the 2004 elections, the Democrats in Congress are still doing everything in their power to undermine him.

True to form, the President's opponents have put aside any pretense of bipartisanship and are following a game plan of continued obstructionism and "win at all costs."

Their game plan is to undermine, delay or destroy every proposal the President sends to Capitol Hill with the goal being to effectively neutralize the Bush Administration and ensure that no major programs get through Congress.

That is why your input in the **ASK AMERICA** national survey is so important.

This is an essential poll about what the direction, agenda and focus of our nation should be. And it addresses issues important to every concerned American who cares about the future of this country. For example:

- * **War on Terror** - As Commander-in-Chief, President Bush has rallied the American people and stood steadfast in his resolve to "bring our enemies to justice." Do you support the President in his efforts to wipe out terrorists even if this war goes on for many years?
- * **Homeland Security** - The Department of Homeland Security combines more than 40 federal agencies to prepare our nation for, and respond to, potential future terrorist attacks. Are you confident that this new agency will keep America safe?
- * **Economy** - President Bush has delivered on his promise to American taxpayers by getting Congress to pass the most significant and widespread tax relief in a generation. He believes the best way to promote growth and create jobs is to let the people keep more of the money they earn. Do you support President Bush's ongoing efforts to make the tax cuts permanent to strengthen the economy?
- * **Education** - During his first term, President Bush guided an historic education reform bill through Congress that delivers on his promise to "leave no child behind." Are you in agreement with these reforms and can more be done to better our nation's educational system in the President's second term?
- * **Social Security** - The President has endorsed establishing partial personal control of retirement accounts that would preserve Social Security for today's seniors while allowing younger workers to build wealth by investing part of their Social Security taxes in private investments. Do you support this bold proposal?
- * **National Defense** - In addition to his commitment to giving our fighting troops on the ground every resource needed to win, President Bush is also committed to continued development of a missile defense system that will protect America from attack. Are you in favor of Congress continuing to fund missile defense?
- * **Energy/Environment** - The President wants to protect consumers from wild fluctuations in energy prices by diversifying America's energy supply and not leaving

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us so dependent on Middle East oil. To this end, President Bush has proposed a national energy bill that would use 21st Century technology to produce more domestic energy. Do you support his plan to produce more reliable, affordable and environmentally clean energy?

*** Legal and Medical Malpractice Reform** - President Bush has urged Congress to protect America's patients, doctors and hospitals from the staggering costs of out of control lawsuits by passing important medical liability reforms this year. Do you endorse this effort?

As you can see, these are serious issues very much in need of your input. That is why it is so important you return your survey as soon as possible.

Remember, President Bush's continued success will be tied to his getting his positive agenda through Congress.

And the sooner we can tabulate the results of this massive undertaking, the sooner we can also use the results as "ammunition" against the Democrat's costly big government proposals and in support of President Bush's reform agenda.

We are convinced this **ASK AMERICA** project will give the Republican Party a critical edge in combating the liberal Democrats' efforts to paralyze the Bush Presidency.

I'll share your answers with the White House, my Republican colleagues and our political strategists to formulate a winning strategy that our Republican Congressional incumbents and challengers can take into the 2006 campaigns, which – just as in 2000, 2002 and 2004 – are sure to be decided by the narrowest of margins.

Your answers will help give our Republican Members of Congress a special edge in legislative debates. Most importantly, they will ensure that we are in sync with the views of America's electorate all across the country.

That is why, we must be prepared to protect President Bush's Congressional majorities so he can continue to deliver on more of the bold, innovative ideas that have become the hallmark of his Presidency.

Keep in mind, a loss of only 14 Republican seats in the House of Representatives in the next elections will give control to the Democrats and make ultra-liberal, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, the Speaker of the House.

Even worse, the loss of our Senate Majority will put the Democrats in control of that chamber and give obstructionists such as Ted Kennedy and Hillary Clinton the opportunity to re-shape America's future.

I cannot overstate how much the Democrats are determined to regain power on Capitol Hill where they can stop President Bush at every turn.

Since the Democrats won't give up on their quest to take down President Bush and our Republicans in Congress, we must use our most effective weapon against them – that's you.

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Your answers to the enclosed **ASK AMERICA** survey will tell the truth about where you and other Americans stand on the vital issues of the day. And the good news is, the truth always wins out!

In addition to your valuable answers, I also hope I can count on you to send a special contribution to support the National Republican Congressional Committee at this very important time.

This project is a huge undertaking and we desperately need your help to fund it. Your contribution will help with the collection, tabulation and analysis of this historic survey and with the printing and postage for the millions of surveys we need to distribute.

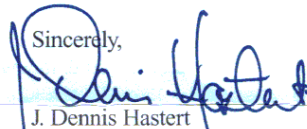
And your survey answers along with those of other concerned Americans will make all the difference to President Bush and our Republican Members of Congress as they directly confront the liberal Democrats both on the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives and in the 2006 elections that are already beginning to take shape in Congressional districts all across the country.

So please complete and return your **ASK AMERICA** survey today. And remember to send with it your contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100 or even \$250 to help underwrite the survey and keep the Republican Party in control of the U.S. House of Representatives.

After analysis of this historic survey is complete, I will present President Bush and all of our Republican House incumbents and challengers with an official copy of the Confidential Results. And you will receive an exact duplicate of that report.

I'll be sure to mail your copy of the Official Results of the **ASK AMERICA** survey as soon as they are ready.

Thank you for helping with this vital project. The dedication of outstanding citizens like yourself is certain to help President Bush and make this project a resounding success. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House

P.S. Please fill out and return your **ASK AMERICA** survey immediately! With the Democrats constantly working to slow down, undermine and effectively immobilize the Bush administration and implementation of our Republican goals, we need your answers to find out exactly what Americans in your area really want from your government.

And be sure to send with your survey an **ASK AMERICA** contribution of \$25, \$50, \$100, or even \$250 to help pay for this historic project and keep a Republican Majority in control of the House.

Please be sure to complete and mail your **ASK AMERICA** survey answers and contribution today. Thank you!