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**An Open Letter to the House of Representatives:
Co-sponsor the 9/12 Taxpayer March on Washington Resolution!**

Dear Representative:

On behalf of the 362,000 members of the National Taxpayers Union (NTU), I write to ask for your support of H.Res. 870, a resolution to extend gratitude and appreciation to the individuals and families who participated in the Taxpayer March on Washington on September 12, 2009.

As one of the lead sponsors and co-organizers of the 9/12 March along with our friends at FreedomWorks, Tea Party Patriots, Grassfire and others, NTU is well aware of the amount of time and resources it took to pull this event off successfully. And while we pitched in with organizing, promoting, and facilitating hundreds of meetings between constituents and their Members of Congress, it must be made clear that this was a true grassroots effort. Hundreds of thousands of people from all fifty states stormed the streets of Washington, on their own dime, to protest big government and the crippling economic policies the Obama administration and some in Congress are pursuing.

One gentleman we spoke with on that day was a disabled Vietnam War veteran who had driven more than 2,500 miles from Washington State in what he described as a “beat up old RV” to attend the march. He spent a chunk of his life savings to come to Washington because, in his words, “These issues are too important. I’ll spend my last dollar fighting to protect my grandchildren from all this debt.”

We are confident that taxpayers like this sent a message to lawmakers that they cannot ignore – a message of smaller government, not additional regulations; a message of fiscal discipline, not unbridled spending; and a message of hope and change rooted in the American people, not in government bureaucrats. Whether they realize it or not, lawmakers have aroused a sleeping lion that will continue to hold them accountable in the months and years to come: taxpayers.

In hopes that you never forget the interests of the people you serve, NTU urges co-sponsorship and support of H.Res. 870, the 9/12 Taxpayer March on Washington Resolution.

Sincerely,

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