

Mr. Speaker I voted for the initial IRS reform bill, and there are many elements of the bill before us today that I continue to support. I am concerned, however, with several new elements which were introduced into the bill by the majority.

I am concerned that if we are going to reduce the burden on taxpayers, lower-income working families should be included. After all, the taxes these families pay have a much bigger impact on the quality of their lives. This would have been easy to achieve with an increase in the EITC, or even better, with an across the board reduction in social security taxes which would benefit every working American.

Unfortunately, those with higher incomes have been singled out for tax reductions in H.R. 2676. Since it is our struggling working families who have the roughest time making ends meet, I hope the next time we vote on tax relief we won't leave them out.