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Press Release

Howard County Delegates Voted Party Line and Against the Voice of Their Constituents

Columbia, MD, November 13, 2007: In the dark of the night early Sunday morning Howard County Delegates Elizabeth Bobo, Guy Guzzone, James Malone, Shane Pendergrass, and Frank Turner voted for the largest tax increase in Maryland history. Two tax bills were passed by the House of Delegates, including an increase in the sales tax and car titling tax by 20 percent. Unfortunately for Howard County families our liberal Democrat representatives care more about voting party line then doing what is the overwhelming will of their constituents.

Howard County residents have spent the past two weeks calling, emailing, and writing their representatives in Annapolis, urging them to show restraint and vote against increasing Maryland taxes. The state of Maryland does not have a revenue problem, but it is all too evident that our elected officials have a severe spending problem. Rather than trying to address the issue of how to best manage the hard earned money Marylanders have worked for, liberal Democrats decided that it was easier to just vote the way they were told without thinking about the consequences for Howard County families.

The Howard County Republican Party would like to congratulate Senator Allan Kittleman and Delegates Gail Bates and Warren Miller for standing up for Howard County families. Senator Kittleman and Delegates Bates and Miller understand that new taxes and increased taxes are not the answer to over spending. It is our hope that the Maryland House of Delegates and Senate will hear the voice of the people and will chose to listen to those they were elected to represent, not just their political party bosses.

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