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Press Release

Senators Edward Kasemeyer and James Robey Voted to Ignore the Will of Their Constituents

Columbia, MD, November 10, 2007: Yesterday the Maryland Senate, including Senators Edward Kasemeyer and James Robey from Howard County voted for the largest tax increase in Maryland history. Just this week in the Howard County Times Senator Kasemeyer acknowledged that he has received numerous phone calls and emails from his constituents urging him to vote against the tax increase. In fact he claimed that, "90 percent" of the constituents that contacted him to make their voices heard were "upset."

Unfortunately for Howard County families Senator Edward Kasemeyer chose to ignore the voice and the will of his 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, Senate Democrats, including Senators Kasemeyer and Robey, decided that it was easier to just take more money from their constituents.

The Howard County Republican Party is urging citizens to contact their State Delegates and urge them to pick up the ball dropped by the Maryland Senate. New taxes and increased taxes are not the answer to over spending. It is our hope that the Maryland House of Delegates will hear the voice of the people and will choose, unlike Senators Kasemeyer and Robey, to listen to those they were elected to represent.

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