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What Economists are Saying about the RSC Stimulus Package

“How refreshing to see a set of proposals that would do the economy good in both the short and long terms if enacted!...A very nice feature of several of the proposals [in the RSC bill] is that they provide relief for business investment. Although business investments generate jobs, raise productivity, and push up real wages, they are too often ignored when Washington thinks of tax relief.” – **Michael Schuyler, Institute for Research on the Economics of Taxation**

“This is a well-directed way of moving us out of the recession. It emphasizes incentives, which is one of the fundamental principles of economics ... All in all, this program is the correct way to address the economic downturn.”- **Gary Wolfram, Ph.D, William Simon Professor of Economics and Public Policy, Hillsdale College**

“I think this approach provides important incentives for investment and savings, vital ingredients to a program of economic growth.” – **Professor Doug Houston, Area Director: Finance, Economics, and Decision Sciences, University of Kansas School of Business**

“Permanent tax cuts are needed to stimulate the economy. Higher taxes reduce growth and the tax base. In the long run, higher taxes generate less revenue due to their effect on growth... Only people pay taxes. Advocates of business taxes believe that these taxes are taxes on high-income individuals. However, this is not at all clear. Many business taxes come at the expense of workers and consumers.” – **Jim Butkiewicz, Ph.D., University of Delaware**

“Indexing capital gains for inflation might have, all by itself, obviated the need for bailing out financial institutions ...Combine the current economic climate with the snaring of millions of more households by the AMT and you’ve got the makings of a true depression. Even at a reduced 25%, the corporate tax rate is too high.” – **Antony Davies, Ph.D, Duquesne University**

“Herbert Hoover, the civil engineer, started the infrastructure fetish. FDR continued it. And the Japanese tried it again in the 1990s. It was ineffective in the past, and will continue to be so ... The idea that there is some mythical Federal money pot from which

funding for anything and everything someone calls ‘infrastructure’ is absurd.” -
Lawrence Franko, D.B.A., U.S. Congressional Budget Office, 1975-1977

Highlights: The RSC’s *Economic Recovery and Middle-Class Tax Relief Act* is based on three main themes: 1) Support Families through Tax Relief; 2) Provide Economic Relief for American Businesses and Entrepreneurs; and 3) Save Future Generations from a Crushing Debt Burden. For a full summary, click [here](#).

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