

WELDON NOT LOOKING OUT FOR MIDDLE CLASS

FL 15 Congressmen Dave Weldon's editorial on a few weeks ago on the Alternative Minimum Tax(AMT) gave some readers the impression he's looking out for the middle class. It's important to look at the facts. 89% of the people paying the AMT make over \$100,000 annually, and 55% Make aver \$200,000. Therefore, the bulk of the AMT revenue continues to come from high-income households as it was intended. Reform is needed to make sure the middle class who are effected do get some relief or are exempted from the AMT.

Describing the Bush tax cuts as for the middle class is humorous. The lower taxes on dividends and the elimination of the estate tax mostly helps the rich. The average tax cut benefit the middle 20% of the country is \$647. While the top 1% average tax cut benefit is \$35,000.

So, by repealing the AMT and continuing to extend the Bush tax cuts, the upper class benefits the most, not the middle class.

It's also important to look at Weldon's record lately in Congress: Voted **NO** to repeal the tax cuts to oil companies 1/07, Voted **NO** to allow the government to negotiate lower prescription drug prices 1/07, Voted **NO** to increase the Federal Minimum Wage 1/07, Voted **YES** to cut 40 billion from welfare, child support and student lending programs 2/06.

We need a congressman who will represent the middle class of FL District 15.

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