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## **Congresswoman Johnson a “Taxpayer Hero”**

*Honored for Record of Keeping Taxes Low for Working Families*

### **Average Connecticut Family Benefits from a \$1,900 Tax Cut**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Congresswoman Nancy Johnson was honored as a “taxpayer hero” at ceremony today on Capitol Hill.

Johnson received the “Hero of the Taxpayer” award today from the non-partisan Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) because of her leadership in keeping taxes low for working families.

“Connecticut families deserve lower taxes so they can keep more of their hard-earned money to save and invest for the future,” Johnson said. “Connecticut residents face among the highest taxes in the nation. I have worked hard to cut taxes for hardworking middle-class families, to increase the child tax credit and eliminate the tax penalty for married couples. As a result, Connecticut families on average paid over \$1,900 less in taxes since 2001. I thank ATR for this award, and I pledge to keep leading the fight in Congress to keep taxes low for working families in Connecticut.”

ATR based its award on votes in 2004 to protect taxpayers from the unfair Alternative Minimum Tax, grow the economy through free and fair trade, control the deficit, and expand overtime protections to more low-income workers.

Johnson, as a senior member of the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, is a leader in Congress to keep taxes low for Connecticut residents. She helped write landmark tax relief legislation that cut taxes for every American, including the creation of a new low 10 percent bracket and increasing the child tax credit from \$500 to \$1,000.

In Connecticut, the average household paid \$1,938 less in federal taxes after the 2001 tax cut law. This is real savings that can pay two months worth of mortgage payments or two years worth of energy bills.

A recent study by the Tax Foundation – a non-profit, non-partisan think tank – found that **7.8 million low-income Americans were taken off the tax rolls altogether as a result of this law**. Ninety-three percent of these Americans who now have zero federal income tax liability had household incomes of less than \$50,000.