**Americans for Tax Reform – Post-Election Talking Points on Obama Win**

* Families living paycheck to paycheck and all Americans working hard to make a better life for themselves won this election. They rejected a rigged system that only works for the wealthiest few and chose an economy that works for everyone, where the wealthiest Americans and big corporations start paying their fair share.

* The American people rejected an extreme agenda that makes working families pay more just so the richest few who already get the biggest tax breaks – including billionaires and big corporations – pay less.

* The American people rejected discredited trickle down tax breaks for the wealthy paid for by shifting more of the burden to regular working families. They did not vote to cut Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid benefits, which are the foundation of financial security for the middle class and families working hard to get into it.
* Now it’s up to the politicians we sent to Washington to put the interests of America’s working families ahead of those of the special interests. No delays. No excuses.
* Our leaders in Washington face a choice in the coming days and weeks:  who should pay to reduce the deficit and to grow our economy? Should we ask the richest few who’ve done well in America to do right by America? Or should we keep forcing the middle class to bear more of the burden?
* The choice is clear. Congress can choose a $160,000 tax cut for millionaires each year, or it can protect Medicare for millions of seniors.
* Politicians in Washington can choose to give reckless tax cuts to corporate CEOs, or they can fund strong schools to secure a bright future for our kids.
* Our leaders can choose to reduce the deficit through massive cuts to services we rely on, or they can reduce the deficit by ending tax giveaways to those who don’t need them. It’s that simple.

* We need a fiscally responsible approach. The best way to deal with the deficit is to put Americans back to work -- not to lavish more tax breaks on those who don't need them. We tried that and it exploded our deficit and got us into this mess in the first place.
* Our message to Congress is this: It’s time the richest 2 percent and big corporations play by the same rules as the rest of us. It’s time they paid their fair share of taxes. Start by ending the Bush tax cuts for the richest 2 percent.