

Government “Stimulation” of Jobs

- ◎ I am pushing for an economic stimulus package to jump start infrastructure investments to create good paying jobs.

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Stimulus Spending Votes

- Voted **YES** on \$825 billion stimulus *H.R.1-1/28/2009*
- Voted **NO** on \$789 billion stimulus *H.R.1-2/13/2009*
- Voted **YES** on \$192 billion additional stimulus *H.R. 3357-7/29/2009*
- Voted **YES** on \$15B bailout for GM and Chrysler *H.R.7321 -12/10/2008*
- Voted **YES** on \$60B stimulus package for jobs, infrastructure, & energy *H.R.7110 -9/26/2008*
- Voted **YES** on "Cash for Clunkers" additional money *H.R. 3435-07/31/2009*
- Voted **YES** to raise national debt limit to \$12.39 trillion *H.R.4314 -12/16/2009*

No on Stimulus?

- DeFazio's single **no** vote was cast, according to him, because the legislation included too many tax cuts and not enough spending on transportation infrastructure. He made this criticism when the bill was first introduced.
- *DeFazio press release [DeFazio Votes for Job Creation Package](#) 01/28/2009*

DeFazio Campaign Contributions

- **Top Contributors**

- Amalgamated Transit Union \$10,000 Carpenters & Joiners Union \$10,000 CSX Corp \$10,000 Intl Brotherhood of Electrical Workers \$10,000 Jacobs Engineering Group \$10,000 Machinists/Aerospace Workers Union \$10,000 National Air Traffic Controllers Assn \$10,000 Operating Engineers Union \$10,000 Union Pacific Corp \$10,000 United Transportation Union \$10,000. Through PACs and other methods.

- **Top Sectors**

- Unions \$145,200 Transportation Corporations \$116,549 Lawyers & Lobbyists \$51,250

- **Transportation Related**

- Total Contributions from PACS, mostly transportation related, were about \$380,000 – approximately half of his campaign support.

Raising taxes on the “Rich”

DeFazio has stated in many forums that he favors raising taxes on the “rich.”

Most recently, in Albany, Oregon on August 6, at City Hall he cited, as his example, a 92% tax rate begun in the Truman (Democrat) Administration on incomes over \$3,000,000 (2010 dollars) - much higher than DeFazio's current \$250,000 income definition of “rich.” He also advocated higher Social Security taxes for those earning more than \$106,800. Albany Democrat-Herald, August 6, 2010.

Votes against lowering Taxes

- Voted NO on keeping capital gains & dividends taxes low; Bill HR 4297 - Dec 8, 2005
- Voted NO on making the Bush tax cuts permanent Bill HR 586 ; - Apr 18, 2002
- Voted NO on capital gains & income tax cuts Bill HR 3090 ; - Oct 24, 2001
- Voted NO on Tax cut package of \$958 B over 10 years Bill HR 1836 ; - May 16, 2001
- Voted NO on eliminating the Estate Tax ("death tax"). Bill HR 8 ; - Apr 4, 2001
- Voted NO on \$46 billion in tax cuts for small business Bill HR 3081 - Mar 9, 2000

Support for RAISING Taxes

- Voted for “Obamacare” bill that includes Department of Treasury – IRS enforced taxpayer payment for medical insurance.
- Advocates very high taxation of energy by the Department of the Treasury - IRS (in combination with the Department of Energy and the EPA) in order to reduce American hydrocarbon fuel use by 80%

Free Trade

- “I have never supported an FTA” *Peter DeFazio Reports Newsletter August 2010*
- “Dear President Bush: We are writing to encourage you to launch negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) with New Zealand.” *Letter from Peter DeFazio January 29, 2003*

Energy Production

- ⦿ DeFazio has opposed American nuclear energy development for two decades. He now demands that Americans reduce their use of coal, oil, and natural gas by 80%.
- ⦿ DeFazio advocates that Americans replace these lost fuel and energy sources with “green” energy paid for by tax financed reliance on solar, wind, and other non-nuclear and non-carbon sources.

Energy

- Voted NO on allowing safe disposal of Nuclear Waste HR 1270-10/30/1997
- Voted YES on Implementing fuel and electricity rationing through the Kyoto Protocols without the treaty being ratified Bill HR 4690 - Jun 26, 2000
- Voted YES on prohibiting oil drilling & development in ANWR. Bill HR 4; - Aug 1, 2001
- Voted NO on authorizing construction of new oil refineries; Bill HR 3893 ; - Oct 7, 2005

DeFazio-Sponsored Energy Bill

DeFazio is a cosponsor of H.R. 1683 “Clean Environment and Stable Energy Market Act of 2009”.

This bill instructs the Administrator of the EPA, the Secretary of Energy, and the Treasury Secretary to levy very high taxes on all economic activity in order to force Americans to reduce their use of chemical energy by 80%. (One-fifth of current use.) This bill makes fuel and electricity unaffordable and raises many other prices.

DeFazio voted no on cap-and-trade because he favors the much more restrictive H.R. 1683.

DeFazio-Sponsored Energy Bill

- ⦿ HR 1683, sponsored by DeFazio, requires the IRS to levy rising taxes on all human activities that produce so-called “green house” gases – especial CO₂, which is required for plant and animal life. The taxes even include production and disposal of human and animal excrement.
- ⦿ These taxes must, according to the bill, raise consumer prices as high as necessary to meet the bill’s goals – regardless of economic, weather, medical, food supply or any other conditions.

Medical Care

- ⦿ Earlier this year, DeFazio voted for the end of free enterprise medicine in the United States and a marked reduction in funding of Medicare of about \$500 billion.
- ⦿ During his term of office, he has consistently supported government intrusion into the medical care industry in ways that have diminished care and wasted money.

Medical Care

- Voted YES on Government takeover of healthcare HR 3590-3/21/2010
- Voted NO on Medical Malpractice Liability Limitation bill; Bill HR -May 12, 2004
- Voted NO on small business associations for buying health insurance; Bill HR 660 ; -Jun 19, 2003
- Voted NO on capping damages & setting time limits in medical lawsuits Bill HR 5 ; -Mar 13, 2003
- Voted NO on allowing suing HMOs Bill HR 2563 ; vote number 2001-329 on Aug 2, 2001
- Voted NO on establishing tax-exempt Medical Savings Accounts. Bill HR 2990 ; -Oct 6, 1999

Education

- ① DeFazio has voted throughout his term of office for increased government and union control of American schools.
- ① DeFazio has opposed merit pay for teachers, curriculum reform, local control of schools, and parental choice in education.
- ① He has sided 100% of the time with the large government education unions.

Education

- ⦿ Voted NO on allowing vouchers in DC schools Bill HR 4380 - Aug 6, 1998
- ⦿ Voted NO on vouchers for private & parochial schools Bill HR 2746 - Nov 4, 1997
- ⦿ Voted NO on teacher testing, tenure reform, and merit pay HR 1995- 07/20/1999
- ⦿ Voted NO on Education Flexibility Partnership Act allow states to apply for waivers from federal education regulations H.R. 100-03/11/1999
- ⦿ Voted NO on Charter School Expansion Act HR 2616-11/07/1997
- ⦿ Voted NO Education Savings Accounts bill to allow parents to save money for elementary and secondary education expenses, as well as private school tuition, homeschooling expenses, transportation, academic tutoring, books, and other supplies. HR 2646-10/23/1997

Public Land

- ◉ DeFazio has failed to obtain U. S. government compliance with the O&C timber contracts with District 4 counties – contracts that the U. S. government has broken.
- ◉ DeFazio consistently works for restrictions on sportsmen access and resource development on public lands. He works closely with KS Wild. KS Wild is currently demanding designation as a national “monument” – and therefore closure to public use – of one *million* acres of public and private property in northern California and Southern Oregon District 4 through the “Siskiyou Crest National Monument Campaign”

Constitution

- ⦿ DeFazio took an oath of office to uphold the Constitution of the United States.
- ⦿ On KPNW 11:20 AM (April 1, 2010). Bill Lundun asked Congressman DeFazio, “Do you believe that it is constitutional to tell people that they have to purchase health insurance?”
- ⦿ DeFazio answered, “Well, um, I’m not a lawyer That’s why we have courts Congress often passes laws that are of dubious or questionable constitutionality.”
- ⦿ DeFazio’s legislative record on the Second Amendment is rated “D” by Gun Owners of America.

DeFazio Political “Independence”

- During this legislative cycle, since January 2009, DeFazio has voted with Nancy Pelosi 86% of the time.
- His 14% “independent” votes have primarily occurred when Pelosi did not need his vote for passage.