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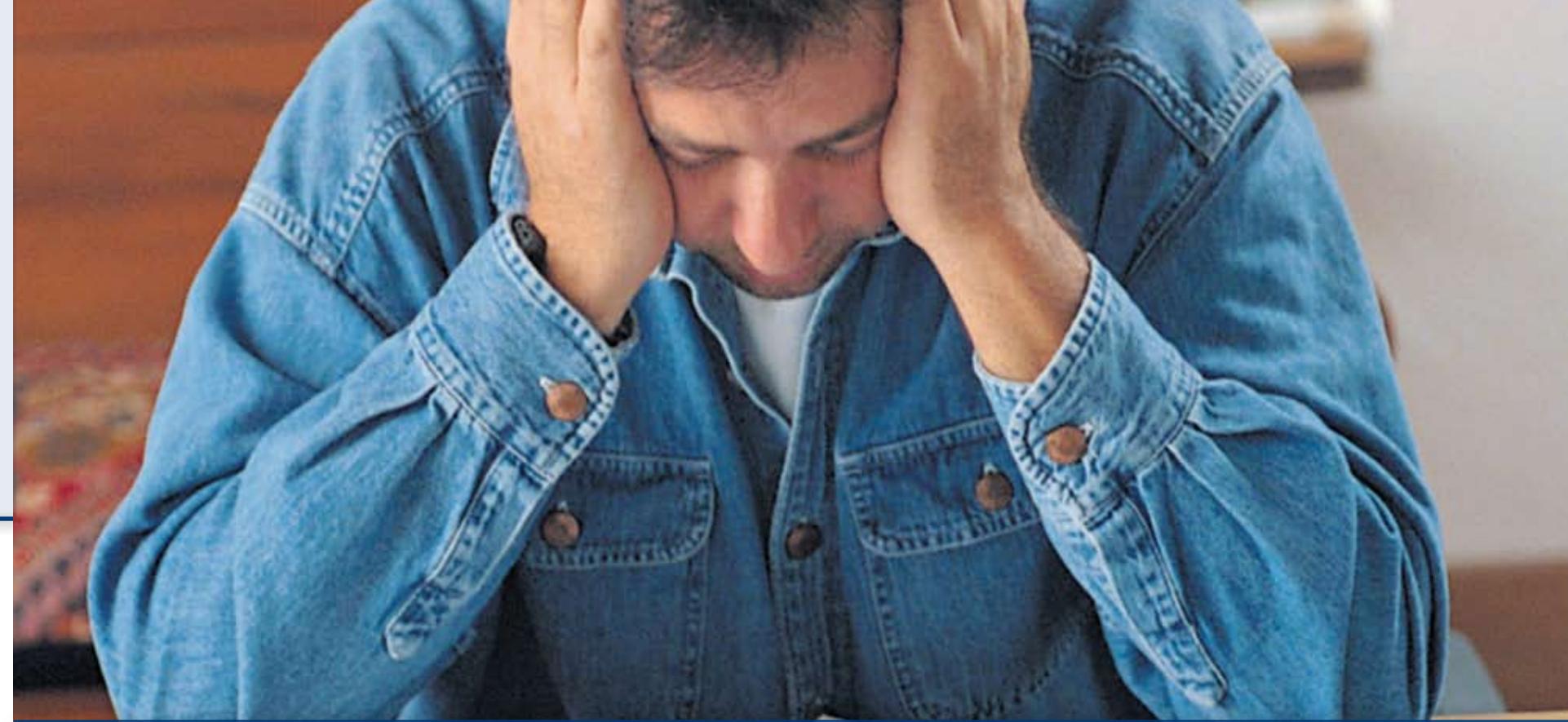


Dickna "Dickie" and Philip Eisenberg of Coventry were finding it very difficult to receive their tax refund in the mail. After months of trying to resolve the situation, the Eisenbergs spoke to Congressman Courtney to see if the problem could be fixed. In just a matter of weeks after the Congressman's intervention, Dickie and Philip received their refund.

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Need a break?

That's why **Rep. Joe Courtney** is working to bring tax relief to Connecticut's small businesses and families



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A tax cut agenda that works for Connecticut

Dear Friend:

As the nation's economy grows increasingly sluggish, Connecticut's working families and individuals may find it more difficult to make ends meet. That is why I supported an economic stimulus package that gives our economy a necessary shot in the arm in the form of tax-free rebate checks to approximately 130 million Americans, including seniors and disabled veterans. Importantly, I supported the economic stimulus package because it also provides tax breaks for local businesses.

While an economic stimulus package is a good first step to strengthening our economy, I strongly believe that any economic policy must include a strong tax cut agenda for the middle class and the business community. Over the past eight years, the cost of living has gone up, while income growth has fallen – an equation that makes realizing your dreams and building financial security much more difficult.

I am working in Congress to change that by making a college education more affordable for students and their families, protecting hardworking families from the devastating Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT), improving opportunities for small businesses in Connecticut, and helping to develop a more taxpayer friendly tax code.

My job as your representative is to serve as an advocate and partner for the people of Connecticut's Second Congressional District. Please call my office or contact me through my website to let me know what is on your mind, so that we can work together to build a better, stronger future for Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Joe Courtney



Congressman Courtney discusses recent tax breaks he voted for in Congress with Mark and Laurie Devaney of Tolland, and their children, Cassandra and Aidan. The family appreciated the Congressman's efforts to help provide a temporary fix for the AMT and the passage of the economic stimulus package.

Please visit my new online Tax Assistance Info Center at <http://courtney.house.gov/infocenter> to learn more about the economic stimulus program and other important tax changes.

Congressman Joe Courtney sponsored and supported over 25 new tax cuts and extensions on expiring tax provisions in 2007

Here is a snapshot of his work from the past year:

✓ **Economic Stimulus through Tax Cuts**

Provided *1.5 million Connecticut residents with \$1.3 billion in tax cuts* through the Economic Stimulus Package of 2008, which also *doubles small business tax write-offs* of capital investments and provides bonus depreciation for new manufacturing facilities and equipment (P.L. 110-185).

✓ **Addressing the AMT**

Shielded 80,000 Second Congressional District households from the devastating Alternative Minimum Tax by voting for the *Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2007* (P.L. 110-166).

✓ **Stimulating Job Growth with Tax Cuts**

Strongly supported the *Small Business Tax Relief Act* creating a *\$4.84 billion small business tax package* aimed at helping small businesses expand and create employment opportunities (P.L. 110-28).

✓ **Meeting Family Child Care Needs with Helpful Tax Credits**

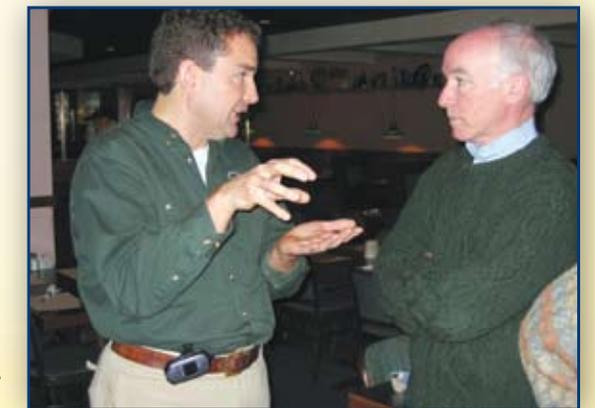
Cosponsored *Family Care Act of 2007, H.R. 1871*, to permanently increase the tax credit for a family's child care expenses. This is particularly helpful for single parents and families where both parents work.

✓ **Tax Cuts to Spur Health Care Investment**

Cosponsored *Equity for Our Nation's Self-Employed Act* to allow the self-employed to deduct the cost of health insurance premiums as a business expense and forgo payroll (FICA) taxes on these costs.

AARP says, "Thank You," to Rep. Courtney...

"We appreciate your leadership in highlighting the need to extend the stimulus rebate to the more than 20 million Americans who depend primarily on Social Security..." because "...the rebates will help to strengthen the nation's economy."



Congressman Joe Courtney and Jonathan Duncklee, Vice President of Stonington-based Duncklee, Inc., discuss recent business tax credits passed by Congress with the Congressman's support.