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The Federal Budget

The federal budget and government spending on fiscal programs is drastically out of control. At a staggering 2.77 trillion dollars, Bush's current budget is outrageous not because of the proposed cuts to various departments other than defense and homeland security, but because it will put our country into a 9.3 trillion dollar debt. It has some democrats upset about cutting spending on education, which really is just a reduction of the increases the administration has put into place over the past four years. It proposes a 7 percent increase in spending for defense along with a warning that another \$50 billion will be needed next year for the numerous wars we are waging throughout the world. It also includes funds that will support the guest worker amnesty program. This budget is riddled with unjust and unnecessary global aid to the UN. \$1.1 billion increase in funds is allotted to the UN for its various peacekeeping missions around the world. The labor department would be the recipient of a 5.5% increase in spending to cover the cost of training OSHA employees the Spanish language. The amount of foreign aid the US gives out is being increased by \$17.6 billion to cover the cost of promoting democracy through the 'Millennium Challenge Corporation' and military assistance to Israel and Egypt. This budget is a perfect example of runaway government spending that needs to be immediately controlled in order to eliminate the stress on our future generations.

The tax cuts that have been set forth by the administration are a great help to the middle and upper class of this country but much more needs to be done to decrease the amount of government wasteful spending. I support the tax cuts that the administration is attempting to make permanent but I think it is far more important to actually cut

government spending instead of reducing the increases set the previous year and call it a cut. Many of the increases mentioned above could be severely reduced or even eliminated to reduce the burden on the future American taxpayers.

Several of the ones I would support eliminating are the international assistance programs and the labor department increases. I don't support President Bush's 'Millennium Challenge Corporation' that is designed to encourage countries to promote democracy, human rights and economic development. I don't believe it is the United States Job to promote democracy around the world. I don't support the labor department increases because in a free market economy it is not necessary to pay for employee's to learn Spanish. If the market requires that employees know it then there should be new ones hired that can perform the job that is needed.