

WASHINGTON - Congressman Lee Terry (R-NE) today hosted a press conference with Senator Sam Brownback (R-KS) to introduce the Parents' Tax Relief Act with almost a dozen other Members of Congress.

The bill will provide common-sense tax relief to families with children.

**"Parents face difficult challenges in balancing work and family responsibilities," Terry said. "I am proud to introduce the Parents' Tax Relief Act with Senator Brownback to empower parents who choose to stay at home with their children. This bill will end a long-standing inequity in the tax code by expanding the Dependent Care Tax Credit for day care costs to stay-at-home parents.**

**It will increase family-friendly employment opportunities such as telecommuting and home-based businesses, and double the personal income tax exemption to help Nebraska families care for their children, and elderly or disabled family members."**

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Terry was joined by Congressmen Jeff Fortenberry (R-NE), Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD), John Doolittle (R-CA) and Phil Gingrey (R-GA). Also speaking were Tony Perkins, President of the Family Research Council; Dr. Allan Carlson, General Secretariat of the World Congress of Families and President of the Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society; and Kristie Darien, Executive Director of the National Association for the Self-Employed.

The Parents' Tax Relief Act will make the following family-friendly tax improvements:

- Extends the Dependent Care Tax Credit to stay-at-home parents with young children;
- Makes the \$1,000 Child Tax Credit permanent while indexing it to inflation;
- Eliminates the marriage tax penalty once and for all;
- Increases the personal income tax exemption to half of its original 1948 value;
- Supports home-based businesses and encourages telecommuting for parents;

- Protects stay-at-home parents' Social Security benefits.

The Parents' Tax Relief Act has been endorsed by the Family Research Council, Focus on the Family, American Values, The National Association for the Self-Employed, The National Federation for Independent Business, Concerned Women for , the Howard Center for Family, Religion and Society, and the National Homeowners Grassroots Alliance, among others.

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