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**HOUSE REPUBLICANS CALL FOR MONEY TO BE GIVEN BACK TO
TAXPAYERS**

HRA Seeking To Have Excess Tax Revenues to Be Returned

Concord, NH - August 3, 2005. In response to the announcement by the Lynch Administration that it has found an extra \$30 million and with mounting efforts by Democratic leaders to spend these funds, the New Hampshire House Republican Alliance has called for the entire amount to be refunded as a tax rebate.

"Government taxes its citizens because it must meet agreed-upon public needs. When government finds itself with tax revenues beyond what is necessary, it should promptly return the excess to the public rather than rush to find new ways to spend it", stated HRA Chair, Rep. Paul Mirski (R - Enfield).

Due to the collection efforts initiated and promoted by former Governor Benson, and following a series of mistakes by the Executive Branch during the recently completed budgeting process, the Lynch Administration has now reported finding \$30 million in excess tax revenues.

Along with members of the public, the House Republican Alliance has been disturbed by the immediate response of Democratic leaders in Concord to find ways to spend these funds. Although the budget is already set, spending suggestions are multiplying. Members of the House Republican Alliance strongly support returning the excess \$30 million to the people of New Hampshire. Lower taxes are a direct result of lower spending and increasing spending will surely result in increased taxes.

The statewide property taxpayers of New Hampshire have for too long shouldered a disproportionate tax burden arising out of court-ordered educational funding. It is both appropriate and equitable that when government finds itself with excess funds beyond what was budgeted, it should return that excess to those who carry the greatest tax burden.

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