



## Balancing The Budget Without Raising Taxes

Today, President Bush Visited Micron Technologies In Manassas, Virginia, To Discuss His FY 2008 Budget Proposal, Which Would Eliminate The Federal Deficit By 2012 Without Raising Taxes. By setting priorities and by spending taxpayer dollars wisely, we can balance the Federal budget without raising taxes on the American people.

### Balancing The Budget Without Raising Taxes

Record Tax Revenues Generated By Our Growing Economy Have Helped Us Cut The Deficit By Over \$150 Billion - And Reach The President's Goal Of Cutting The Deficit In Half Three Years Ahead Of Schedule.

Now, The President Has Announced A New Five-Year Goal: Balancing The Federal Budget Without Raising Taxes On The American People. Raising taxes would be the fastest way to set back our progress on the deficit and risk our economic gains. Instead, we need to make the tax cuts permanent.

The President's Economic Policies Are Helping Keep Our Economy Strong And Growing. Since the President's tax relief took effect in mid-2003, more than 7.4 million jobs have been created - more jobs than the European Union and Japan combined. Over half a million jobs (513,000) have been added in the past three months alone. Our economy has now added jobs for 41 straight months, paychecks are growing, and the unemployment rate remains low at 4.6 percent. The President asks Congress to help keep our economy growing by making his tax relief permanent. The President's tax relief:

*Cut taxes on everyone who pays income taxes.*

*Doubled the child tax credit.*

*Reduced the marriage penalty.*

*Cut taxes on small businesses.*

*Cut taxes on dividends and capital gains.*

*Put the death tax on the road to extinction.*

### Continuing To Spend Taxpayer Dollars Wisely

The President's Top Priority Is America's Safety And Security. The Budget ensures our troops have the tools and resources necessary to win the War on Terror.

While Investing In The Nation's Top Priorities, The Budget Restrains Spending Elsewhere By Focusing Resources On More Effective Programs, Reducing Wasteful Spending, And Addressing The Long-Term Challenge Of The Unsustainable Growth In Spending For Entitlement Programs. The President calls on Congress to further address these challenges by:

Passing Comprehensive Earmark Reform To Eliminate Wasteful Or Unnecessary Spending. Earmarks are special interest items often slipped into spending bills at the last moment. More than 90 percent of earmarks never make it to the floor of the House and Senate for a vote. They are dropped into committee reports that are not even part of the bill that arrives on the President's desk, yet they are treated as if they have the force of law.

In 2005, We Had More Than 13,000 Earmarks. To help eliminate wasteful or unnecessary earmarks, the President will work with Democrats and Republicans in Congress to:

Continue reforming the budget process.

Expose every earmark to the light of day and a vote in Congress.

Reduce the number and cost of earmarks by at least half by the end of this session.

Passing A Line-Item Veto To Control Spending And Bring Accountability To The Federal Budget. The legislative line-item veto would allow a President to send wasteful and unnecessary spending back to Congress for an up-or-down vote. Passing a line-item veto is in the interests of both parties - and both branches of government.

Passing Entitlement Reform To Address The Unsustainable Growth In Spending For Programs Such As Social Security, Medicare, And Medicaid. Millions of Americans rely on these programs for their retirement and health care needs. However, spending for these programs is growing faster than inflation, faster than the economy, and faster than our ability to pay for them.

If We Do Not Act Now, Future Generations Will Be Faced With Three Bad Options: Huge Tax Increases, Huge Deficits, Or Huge Benefit Cuts. Our growing economy gives us a chance to address the challenge of entitlement spending from a position of strength. These programs are too important to be left to politics as usual. Congress needs to live up to its responsibility by coming together to fix Medicare and Medicaid - and save Social Security.

### Investing In America's Competitiveness

The President's American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI) Will Help Innovative Companies Like Micron Maintain America's Competitive Edge. Announced in last year's State of the Union Address and reflected in the President's FY07 and FY08 budgets, ACI will encourage aggressive investment by business in research and development, increase and prioritize Federal support for vital basic research, and improve math and science education for America's students.



## Revitalizing Cities, Strengthening Regions: The Promise of Equitable Development

Angela Glover Blackwell at The City Club of Cleveland

CLEVELAND, OH—Angela Glover Blackwell, president and CEO of PolicyLink, will discuss the concept of equitable development and how it works to revitalize central cities and older suburbs while ensuring that all residents benefit from neighborhood and regional improvement at noon on Friday, February 23, 2007, at The City Club of Cleveland.

Since the 1950s and '60s, many older cities like Cleveland have seen eroded prosperity and neighborhood decline as businesses and middleclass homeowners followed new development to the suburbs. These metropolitan regions are now challenged by wide racial and income disparities between city and newer suburbs.

Since its inception in January 1999, PolicyLink has partnered with a cross-section of stakeholders to ensure that questions of equity receive the highest priority in addressing major policy issues, including urban sprawl and smart growth, reinvestment in low-income communities, bridging the digital divide, eliminating racial health disparities, and developing leaders for policy change.

Blackwell founded PolicyLink after serving as

senior vice president for The Rockefeller Foundation, where she directed its domestic and cultural divisions and developed the Next Generation Leadership and Building Democracy programs. In 1987, she founded the Urban Strategies Council after serving as a partner with Public Advocates for 10 years.

Blackwell is a co-author of Searching for the Uncommon Common Ground: New Dimensions on Race in America, and she collaborated with Tavis Smiley to develop the New York Times best-selling book The Covenant with Black America.

Tickets for this City Club Friday Forum are \$18 for members and \$30 for non-members. Lunch is included. They can be purchased by calling The City Club at 216.621.0082 or visiting the website at [www.cityclub.org](http://www.cityclub.org).

Established in 1912 to encourage new ideas and a free exchange of thought, The City Club of Cleveland is the oldest continuous free speech forum in the country, renowned for its tradition of debate and discussion. The City Club's mission is to inform, educate and inspire citizens by presenting significant ideas and providing opportunities for dialogue in a collegial setting.

## Wal-Mart Grants \$30,000 to OCA for 2007 College Affiliate Program

Washington, DC - OCA, a national Asian Pacific American organization dedicated to ensuring social justice for APAs, received a \$30,000 grant from Wal-Mart to support the 2007 OCA/Wal-Mart College Affiliate Program.

Wal-Mart has partnered with OCA over the years by supporting its annual National Convention and annual National Asian Pacific American Corporate Achievement Awards. This will be the first time Wal-Mart has awarded funding towards a specific OCA program.

"We are appreciative of Wal-Mart's sponsorship of the OCA/Wal-Mart College Affiliate Program, with focus on providing financial assistance and support to our college affiliates and to other student groups across the country that support OCA's mission," said OCA National President Ginny Gong. "We are very proud of this program and the fact that the membership of APA student organizations has grown to over 30 colleges. With Wal-Mart's additional support, we look forward to continue expanding the program and providing a national voice for the next generation," she continued.

The program was established in 1993 to provide student organizations on campus with a unique opportunity to network with a national organization, as well as with each other, and to share resources, information, experiences and results. Students from affiliate member colleges also have priority in being

considered for participation in leadership training programs and serving as interns in Washington, D. C. However, we have yet to secure adequate funding to realize the full potential of this program.

"With the generous support from Wal-Mart, students will be afforded many additional opportunities for civic participation, community activism and service," said OCA Executive Director Michael Lin. "These opportunities will provide them with the skills necessary to be advocates for the community, and prepare them as the future leaders of tomorrow," he added.

"Wal-Mart is proud to support OCA's College Affiliate Program initiative. At Wal-Mart, we are devoted to education. In 2005 alone, we donated more than \$45 million to support educational initiatives, including local schools, universities, student scholarships, educational organizations and our Teacher of the Year program," said Esther Silver-Parker, Wal-Mart's Senior Vice President of Diversity Relations. "Each year, we help provide opportunities for students of all ages and backgrounds to further their academic studies. We're pleased to contribute to the lives of many Asian and Pacific Islander students by partnering with OCA in this endeavor."



## Cleveland Public Library presents the Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration

Cleveland Public Library presents the "Chinese Lunar New Year Celebration, Year of the Boar" celebrating the 2007 Lunar New Year (Gung Hay Fat Choy - best wishes and congratulations; have a prosperous and good year.) This annual holiday jubilee honors the Library's Asian patrons. Due to popular demand, the Library will now offer two programs.

The FREE and open to the public events will take place at the Main Library, Louis Stokes Wing, E. 6th Street and Superior Avenue, Saturday February 24, 1:00- 3:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 25,

1:30- 3:30 p.m. The traditional, family-oriented, fun-filled programs will include colorful dances from China and Vietnam, Chinese yo-yo demonstrations, presentations commemorating the Year of the Boar, giveaways, refreshments, and more.

The George Kwan Family will be featured presenting The Lion Dance. Patrons can enjoy traditional foods and treats. This event commemorates the important contributions of Northeast Ohio's Asians to the vitality and diversity of Greater Cleveland. For more information,

Call (216) 623-2895.

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從專業角度看,四門家用車,風險最低。

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**Dear LunchClub member:** As you may realize it is already the February of 2007 and the Chinese New Year is approaching. In order to promote Chinese culture and celebrate the Year of Pig, Lunch Club joined with CSSA of CWRU would like to cordially invite you, your family and friends to a ballroom dancing party. Below is the detail:

**WHAT:** Ballroom dancing, Karaoke show, raffle for gift cards

**WHEN:** 19:00 - 22:30 March 3rd, 2007  
(The Chinese Lantern Festival)

**WHERE:** Carlton Commons Dining Room at CWRU - <http://www.case.edu/finad-min/plantsrv/events/guide/carlton.htm>

**ADMISSION:** Free but pre-registration is required on a first come and first admitted basis due to the limited space.

**DRESS CODE:** Formal attire is required

**FOOD/DRINK:** Chinese snacks and beverage will be provided and a discounted cash bar will also be open to adults.

**SPONSORS:** National City Bank, Sherwin Williams and Margaret & Associates

We will also provide on-site babysitters and kids program for your children. Charity contribution on behalf of LunchClub is greatly appreciated. Please RSVP to Xiaolin Yu at [xiaoling.yu@nationalcity.com](mailto:xiaoling.yu@nationalcity.com) and provide the names of each attendee and your contact number. If you have any additional questions, please contact Xiaolin Yu at (216) 222-2685 or Franco Wu at (216) 222-8622/franco.wu@nationalcity.com

A detailed agenda will follow up soon so please stay tuned, mark your calendar, and prepare to show us some of your favorite moves! Everything is all set and all we need is YOU!

Franco Q. Wu



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