

Washington, DC -- U.S. Rep. Michael A. Arcuri (NY-24) announced today that local workers will see more money in their paychecks beginning this week from tax cuts included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Bill).

“Starting today local workers will be able to keep more of their hard earned money,” **Arcuri said** . “This critical tax relief from the Recovery Bill means more money in your pocket and is a boost for local consumers and businesses alike, which will help bring about more economic activity. The hardworking men and women of Upstate New York deserve some tax relief.”

The Recovery Bill, which Arcuri voted for and President Obama signed into law in February, includes the Make Work Pay Tax Credit, providing tax relief to 95 percent of American workers. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has required all employers to institute lower withholdings for their employees by Wednesday, April 1, 2009.

For 2009 and 2010, the Make Work Pay Tax Credit provides a refundable tax credit of 6.2 percent of earned income, up to \$400 for working individuals and \$800 for married taxpayers. Families should see at least a \$65 dollar per month increase in their take home pay. The credit will phase out for taxpayers making more than \$150,000 for married couples filing jointly and \$75,000 for other workers, and is fully phased out for taxpayers making above \$190,000 for married workers and \$95,000 for other workers.

To comply with the Recovery Bill, the IRS issued a new set of withholding tables (<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/n1036.pdf>) structured to get the tax credit to Americas' workers in cash over the course of the year. By reducing required withholding amounts, workers' take home pay is increased immediately

In addition to tax relief for working families, the Recovery Bill also includes tax relief for small businesses, veterans and seniors.

Anyone who receives retirement, survivors, or disability benefits from Social Security last year, and anyone receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement benefits, or Veterans Administration benefits, will automatically receive a \$250 Recovery payment. It is expected that these payments will occur in May.

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