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## **Alliance for Tax Fairness announces Statewide Town Hall Meeting in Annapolis on 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of Special Session**

***Opportunity for average Marylanders to learn about, vote on fiscal crisis***

**WHAT:** Alliance for Tax Fairness Statewide Town Hall Meeting on Maryland fiscal crisis  
**WHEN:** Tuesday, November 6, 2007, 6:00-8:30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Annapolis Elementary School, 180 Green Street, Annapolis (two blocks from the State House)

**[Annapolis, MD]** – The Alliance for Tax Fairness announces that it will hold a Statewide Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, November 6, 2007 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Annapolis Elementary School, 180 Green Street, just two blocks from the State House in Annapolis. The Statewide Town Hall Meeting will take place on the second Tuesday of the Maryland General Assembly special session. The special session, if successful, will establish Maryland's fiscal structure and capacity for many years to come.

The Statewide Town Hall Meeting will be the only opportunity in the course of the special session for average Marylanders to come out and learn about the details of Maryland's fiscal crisis. A series of presentations will explain the background of the current situation and the choices and tradeoffs facing Maryland. At the end, attendees will fill out a ballot and "vote" on what they see as the best solution to the state's fiscal challenges. Attendees will also be urged to share their conclusions with their elected officials.

This voting process is especially fitting given that Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> is officially Election Day this year. However, most Marylanders do not live in municipalities holding elections that day.

At the Statewide Town Hall Meeting, a light supper will be available for no charge at 6:00 p.m. Complimentary child care will also be available to those who make an advance reservation by calling 410-685-7004 or 301-495-7004.

The Alliance for Tax Fairness was formed earlier this year to educate and involve more average Marylanders in the public debate now taking place over Maryland's fiscal future. The full list of Alliance members is available online at [www.AllianceForTaxFairness.org](http://www.AllianceForTaxFairness.org). The founding members of the Alliance included 1000 Friends of Maryland; American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME); League of Conservation Voters; League of Women Voters; Maryland Association of Nonprofit Organizations; Maryland Public Interest Research Group (PIRG); Maryland State Teachers Association; Progressive Maryland; and the Service Employees International Union (SEIU).

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