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Media Advisory for Tuesday, April 15, 2008 At 12:00 P.M.

Progressive Maryland Stages Press Conference To Highlight How Much of Marylanders' Tax Dollars Are Going To Pay For The War In Iraq

**Progressive Maryland Is Running A Statewide Campaign to Pressure the Bush
Administration to Invest In America's Priorities Here At Home**

******[Great Visual for TV, Still Photos]******

April 10, 2008 – Progressive Maryland, the state partner of Invest In America's Future, will hold a press conference in front of the Bowie Post Office (6710 Laurel-Bowie Rd, Bowie, MD 20715) on Tuesday, April 15th at 12:00 P.M. Tax Day is here again. As ordinary Marylanders play by the rules and pay their tax bills, our federal government continues to spend recklessly on endless war in Iraq, a war which has cost our country dearly and brought America to the brink of an economic recession.

Instead of spending that tax money on America's priorities like education, healthcare and clean energy, the Bush Administration is giving tax breaks to millionaires and borrowing money from China to pay for the Iraq War. As the state of Maryland faces a structural deficit which curtailed spending on needed improvements to our transportation infrastructure, fully funding our schools and cleaning up the Bay, we are sending billions of our tax dollars overseas to invest in Iraq. After five years, a trillion dollars, and over 4,000 American lives lost, we've had enough. This Tax Day it's time we change the policies of the past and invest in America's future. Progressive Maryland believes that Congress and the Bush Administration must now turn their attention to Main Street and help families in crisis.

There could be plenty of money available to invest in America's priorities – if we weren't squandering more than \$100 billion each year on an ill-conceived war in Iraq that a majority of Americans do not support. There could be plenty of money, if the Administration had not made it a higher priority to relieve the tax "burden" of wealthy Americans to the tune of \$1.6 trillion (if the cuts are made permanent). April 15, the day your 2007 income tax forms are due, marks an appropriate time to reflect on this Administration's priorities for spending your money.

Who: Progressive Maryland

What: Press Conference Highlighting How Much of Our Tax Dollars Are Going To Pay for the Iraq War

When: Tax Day, April 15, 2008 @ 12:00pm, Noon

Where: Bowie Post Office, 6710 Laurel-Bowie Road, Bowie, MD 20715

**(A parallel event will be held at 5pm in Baltimore, 900 E. Fayette St.
See more details and background at www.Progressivemaryland.org)**