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My Democratic colleagues like to say that the 2003 tax relief has been the reason for the current federal deficit. This is just not true. Since the tax cuts were enacted revenue to the federal government has increased by 46 percent (this year alone, federal tax revenues are up over 11 percent over the same period last year) or \$432 billion. But, if revenue grew so much, you may ask, then why did Congress operate in the red?

Undisciplined spending.

Now, it may seem counterintuitive to think that tax revenue increases when tax rates decrease. But, it's true. Why? Tax cuts stimulate the economy. They change behavior. When you have more money, what do you do with it? You invest it. You spend it. You create jobs, you do all kinds of good things. That's why after the tax relief was enacted, the economy went from flat lining to consistent growth. In fact, since the tax relief became law, 7.8 million new jobs have been created. The unemployment rate has dropped to 4.4 percent (from 6 percent). The stock market has increased by 40 percent – reversing a three-year decline.

The Democrats, however, believe that this 46 percent increase in revenue for the federal government wasn't enough, and that whatever you got, it was too much. They want to take more of what you earn and send it right to Washington. So, when you hear the Democrat's argue that the tax relief has caused the deficit, take their comments with a grain of salt. The numbers show that the tax cuts increased revenue and they encouraged growth in the economy.

The real problem is Congress' uncanny ability to spend like a drunken sailor. We need to fix our spending problems, not increase your tax burden.