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Health Care Tax Increase

1. Empower America is mailing the Bruce Bartlett health tax increase essay to all its members in swing Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means districts, including all those on your list.
2. On Friday, Bruce Bartlett was interviewed on the health tax increase on USA Radio Network, Dallas-based service that goes to 1000 religious stations.
3. Today, Bruce Bartlett was interviewed on two radio stations on the same issue, WHB in Kansas City and WXYT in Detroit. The Kansas City station is apparently large, though I don't know if it reaches Slattery's district.
4. Tony Snow, syndicated by Gannett News to 95 papers, is doing a health care wrap up that will look at the tax increase component, among others. His column will begin running in USA Today, and he may hold it until next week for his first USA Today effort.
5. We faxed the Bartlett tax increase to all swing members of E and C. We also faxed it to several dozen additional reporters and op-ed editors covering the debate.
6. Paul Gigot of The Wall Street Journal liked the Bartlett piece and is considering the tax increase angle as a new way to look at the Clinton health care debate.
7. Attached is an RNC newsletter which goes to hundreds of radio stations. See column #3.

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