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# Have You Heard The Great News?

*The U.S. Economy Grew 7.2% in 3rd Quarter,  
Fastest Pace in 20 Years* -Dow Jones Business News, 10/30/03

**Economic Update – Congressman Jerry Weller**

**The Tax Cuts Are Working,  
The Economy is Growing.**



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# CONGRESSMAN JERRY WELLER WORKED TO PASS THE JOBS AND GROWTH TAX ACT OF 2003 TO STIMULATE THE ECONOMY.

As a result, unemployment is falling and the stock market is growing again.

## JOBS AND GROWTH TAX ACT OF 2003

Congressman Jerry Weller worked to pass the Jobs and Growth Tax Act of 2003, an action economists are crediting with helping to generate the largest increase in Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 19 years. Consumer confidence is increasing, and many economists predict that due to the economic stimulus measures provided by Congress, the economy will continue to grow. The Jobs and Growth Tax Act is helping to drive the current economic recovery by:

- Allowing small business owners to deduct more expenses annually, helping them grow their businesses and create new jobs through 50% bonus depreciation. (Weller provision)
- Cutting taxes for American families in the form of an expanded per-child tax credit, lower federal tax rates and relief from the marriage penalty. (Weller provisions)
- Providing over \$780 million in federal aid for Illinois. Over the next two years, Illinois will receive almost \$358 million for Medicaid, and more than \$422 million to shore up the state budget.



AS A RESULT OF THE ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROVIDED BY CONGRESS, THE DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE HAS RISEN BY 32% SINCE MARCH (ABOVE). THE NASDAQ HAS SEEN AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 50%.

## THE PATH TO RECOVERY

Thanks to the measures passed in Congress, the U.S. economy is now on the path to recovery. As a result of the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts, the picture of our economy is brightening considerably.

- Nonfarm payroll employment grew by 57,000 in September, the first gain since January.
- The value of U.S. stock markets has increased \$2 trillion since the beginning of this year.
- Disposable personal income is up 3.8 percent at an annual rate in 2003.
- GDP growth was 7.2 percent in the third quarter of 2003.

If you have problems with a government agency or wish to offer your comments and suggestions on issues before Congress, Jerry Weller and the Eleventh District staff are ready to assist you. Here are just a few of the ways they can help.

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