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October 21, Boise. Idaho Republican Party Chairman Norm Semanko today slammed Walt Minnick for repeatedly raising the specter of new taxes on Americans and Idahoans in his recent debate appearances.

Minnick repeatedly stated that "all options were on the table" for reducing the federal deficit and ominously called for "draconian measures" and warned there would be "no sacred cows".

Semanko said, "What Walt is saying is crystal clear: he's going to help Barack Obama and Nancy Pelosi pay for their spending spree by voting to raise taxes on Americans. That's wrong. Idahoans and Americans are already paying way too much in taxes. This shows how out of touch Walt Minnick is with the average voter."

Semanko said he was happy to support the new Labrador for Idaho television ad and reveals the Idaho GOP is making a substantial financial investment in purchasing airtime for it.

"We needed to get the truth about Walt Minnick out there. He has always been looking to raise taxes on the middle class and now that he spoke of 'unpopular and draconian measures', we just had to warn the voters of Idaho before it was too late," Semanko continued.

Semanko also strongly pointed out the alarming rate of unemployment in Idaho as another huge worry regarding Minnick's plans. "In the two years since Walt Minnick and Barack Obama were both elected more than 35,000 Idahoans have lost their jobs. The rate of unemployment has risen 50% and Walt Minnick thinks it's a good idea to raise taxes. He's just flat wrong."

"Idahoans need Raul Labrador in office. Raul will cut spending and not raise taxes. This is a far better way to get Idahoans back to work," Semanko concluded.

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