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Calendar Year 2001

Annual Income (Wages Only)	Income Taxes Under Present Law	Income Taxes Under Marriage Tax Relief Act of 2000	Change in Income Taxes	Percentage Reduction in Income Taxes
\$20,000	-\$2,518	-\$3,045	-\$527 *	20.9% *
30,000	215	-529	-744	346.0%
50,000	3,628	3,410	-218	6.0%
75,000	8,795	8,389	-406	4.6%
100,000	15,795	15,389	-406	2.6%
200,000	47,807	47,285	-522	1.1%

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NOTE: This table shows the effect of the "Marriage Tax Penalty Relief Act of 2000" in 2001. The elements of the proposal that are in effect in 2001 are: (1) the doubling of the standard deduction for married couples filing a joint return to twice that for single filers; and (2) the increase of \$2,500 in the beginning point of the phaseout of the earned income credit ("EIC") for married couples filing a joint return. Each child is assumed to be eligible for the child credit, subject to income limitations. All income is assumed to be wage income, and taxpayers are assumed to take the standard deduction. For taxpayers that itemize their deductions, the reduction in taxes would be less than shown here.

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\$20,000	\$998	\$780	-\$218	21.8%
30,000	2,498	2,280	-218	8.7%
50,000	5,498	5,280	-218	4.0%
75,000	11,419	11,013	-406	3.6%
100,000	18,419	18,013	-406	2.2%
200,000	49,853	49,331	-522	1.0%

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\$20,000	-\$3,206	-\$3,787	-\$581 *	18.1% *
30,000	-765	-1,601	-836 *	109.3% *
50,000	3,335	3,080	-255	7.6%
75,000	7,800	6,830	-970	12.4%
100,000	14,651	13,557	-1,094	7.5%
200,000	45,424	43,925	-1,499	3.3%

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\$20,000	\$795	\$540	-\$255	32.1%
30,000	2,295	2,040	-255	11.1%
50,000	5,295	5,040	-255	4.8%
75,000	10,443	9,349	-1,094	10.5%
100,000	17,443	16,349	-1,094	6.3%
200,000	47,545	45,962	-1,583	3.3%

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