

# Alliance for a Better Minnesota Ad Check: *“Too Close”*

Script	Background
<p><i>There she goes again. More nonsense. She embarrasses us here, and then votes against us in Washington. Kissing up to George Bush. Voting with him 9 out of 10 times.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Michelle Bachmann is Too Close to George W. Bush:</u></b></p> <p><b>Bachmann Voted with George Bush 89% of the Time While in Congress.</b> According to Congressional Quarterly, Michele Bachmann voted with George Bush 89% of the time in Congress. [cq.com]</p>
<p><i>Against Tax Cuts for middle-class families.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Bachmann Ignored Middle-Class Minnesotans to Help Big Oil:</u></b></p> <p><b>Bachmann Chose Tax Cuts for Big Oil Over \$2,4000 in Tax Cuts for Middle Class Americans.</b> In 2008, Bachmann voted against the Alternative Minimum Tax Relief Act of 2008, which would add a projected \$2,400 per return to the 2008 tax bills of four million middle-income filers. To offset the Treasury's loss of \$61.5 billion in revenue, the bill would, in part, repeal certain tax breaks for oil and gas companies; change "carried interest" rules so that managers of investment partnerships and hedge funds would pay taxes at a 35 percent rather than 15 percent rate; and set the stage for more timely tax collection on payments from credit card firms to merchants. [HR 6275, <a href="#">Vote #455</a>, 6/25/08; Pioneer Press, 6/28/08; Washington Post, 7/6/08]</p>
<p><i>Against raising the minimum wage.</i></p> <p><i>That's Michele Bachmann's answer to our economic crisis? Tell Michele Bachmann to stop talking nonsense. It's hurting Minnesota families.</i></p> <p><i>Paid for by Alliance for a Better Minnesota 527. Not authorized by any candidate or candidate's committee.</i></p>	<p><b><u>Bachmann Opposed Raising Minimum Wage:</u></b></p> <p><b>Bachmann Voted Against Raising the Minimum Wage.</b> Shortly after taking office in 2007, Michele Bachmann voted against the “Fair Minimum Wage Act,” which increased the federal minimum wage from \$5.15 an hour to \$7.25 an hour over two years. It would increase the minimum wage in three increments. Sixty days after enactment, the minimum wage is to be raised to \$5.85. A year after that it will be \$6.55, and a year after that it will be \$7.25. This is the first change to the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 since 1997 when the federal minimum wage was increased from \$4.75 to \$5.15 an hour. [<a href="#">HR 2</a>, Vote #18, Passed 315-116, 1/10/07; <a href="#">Washington Post Votes Database</a>]</p> <p><b>Bachmann Called for Eliminating the Minimum Wage.</b> Michele Bachmann has argued for abolishing the minimum wage. Bachmann even claimed that eliminating the minimum wage would “potentially virtually wipe out unemployment completely because we would be able to offer jobs at whatever level.” [Star Tribune, 11/19/06; Associated Press, 5/6/06; Pioneer Press, 10/17/06; Jobs, Energy and Community Development Committee Hearing, 1/26/05]</p>