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“WHAT OBAMA’S TAX PACKAGE SAYS TO INDEPENDENTS”

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“If President Obama wants to rebuild his standing with independent voters, the compromise tax package is a small step, mainly because it shows he's willing to take on his own party,” said Jackie Salit, president of IndependentVoting.org, a national association of independent voters. “But if he really wants to send a message to independents, he's going to have to show that he's willing to take on both parties and their tightfisted control of the political process, something the left liberals who are railing at him now have refused to do. Obama should speak out for some non-partisan reforms that remind the parties that 40% of the country are independents because they don't like either of them! How about putting an independent on the Federal Election Commission? That will piss off Democrats and Republicans but it will make independents feel respected.”

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