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**Dean Zerbe Delivers as Featured Speaker for
Whalen & Company Tax Seminar**

WORTHINGTON, Ohio (January 8, 2009) – Dean Zerbe, national managing director of alliantgroup in Washington, DC and former senior tax counsel to Senator Grassley (R-Iowa), the former chairman and current senior ranking republican on the Senate Finance Committee, was recently in town to speak to more than 100 guests at Whalen & Company's tax seminar for clients.

He shared with Whalen & Company guests his views on president-elect Obama's administration, including what should happen and may happen in the tax arena to stimulate the economy in the short-term and long-term, as well as his views on government's recent response to our present economic situation—including the Bailout Bill. A sampling of what he said:

- Top two rates, capital gains or dividends will not be raised in the near term (effective date in the first six months), an outside chance in the mid-term to pay for healthcare (six to 18 months from January 1, 2009).
- Reduction in top rates, capital gains and dividends will expire at the end of 2010.
- Administration will likely not abide by pay as you go, the need for tax cuts or spending increases to be offset by tax increases or spending cuts—this reduces need for revenues.

Mr. Zerbe, who was recently invited to be part of a panel of tax experts for Forbes magazine, has stewarded a number of key tax reform measures through Congress, including 2001 and 2003 tax bills that provided two of the largest tax cuts in our nation's history—American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 and the Pension Protection Act of 2006. He has also worked at the Department of Health and Human Services under former President George H. Bush.

If you would like to hear more about our recent seminar or would like to make arrangements to speak with Mr. Zerbe directly, you may contact Whalen & Company CPAs.

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