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**Executive Order 13379—  
Amendment to Executive Order  
13369, Relating to the President’s  
Advisory Panel on Federal Tax  
Reform**

*June 16, 2005*

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, and to extend the reporting deadline of the President’s Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform, it is hereby ordered as follows:

**Section 1.** Section 5 of Executive Order 13369 of January 7, 2005, is amended by deleting “July 31, 2005” and inserting in lieu thereof “September 30, 2005”.

**Sec. 2.** This order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity, against the United States, its departments, agencies, entities, officers, employees or agents, or any other person.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
June 16, 2005.

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**Remarks in a Discussion on  
Implementing the Medicare  
Modernization Act in Maple Grove,  
Minnesota**

*June 17, 2005*

**The President.** Thanks for the warm welcome. Thanks for the warm day too. [*Laughter*] It’s good to be back in the great State of Minnesota. Thanks for coming. I think you’re going to find this to be an interesting discussion we’re about to have about Medicare. We’re here to say to the seniors who

live here in Minnesota and around the country that Medicare has been strengthened, reformed, and modernized, and we hope you take a look at it—the new program, because it’s going to benefit a lot of people.

So what you’re about to see is Government in the process of educating folks about what’s available, and I want to thank my fellow panelists for being here. I think you’re going to be find this to be an interesting discussion.

Before I begin, I just want you to know that Laura sends her best. She’s doing great, working on some new comedy material. [*Laughter*] But I’m really proud of her, and she and I are having the times of our life representing the United States of America, and I’m really lucky to have her by my side.

I want to thank the Governor for being here. Governor, thanks for coming, I’m proud you’re here. Thanks for serving. We’ve got the secretary of state here. Mary, thanks for being here. Oh, there she is. Hi, Mary. Thank you for coming. We’ve got the mayor, mayor of Maple Grove. I saw the mayor come in. Mayor—there he is. I appreciate you being—sitting by your old classmate. Thanks for having us. I want to thank all the folks who serve in the statehouse and local government. I appreciate you serving your State. I really want to tell you to thank your families. It’s not easy to be in public office, and it’s not easy to be in public office if you’re a family member. But thanks for serving.

I really want to thank the folks here at Maple Grove for letting us come by. It’s not easy to host the President. [*Laughter*] It turns out his entourage is quite big these days. [*Laughter*] But I really want to—thank you for letting us do this. I think you’re going to find this will help the seniors who use this fantastic facility. It will help them at least understand there’s new options available to them when it comes to making sure there’s a prescription drug benefit available to them.

I want to thank Mark. I’m going to talk a little bit about Mark in a second here, but I want to thank Rhonda Whitenack, who is the Social Security Administration training instructor. I just was with Rhonda and some folks who have taken time out of their lives to learn what is available in this new program. See, this is a part of a grassroots effort to