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Colorado Senate Passes Resolution Urging Congress to Ensure Class Action Litigation Reform

Sen. Hillman calls for congressional action.

WASHINGTON- **The Colorado Senate passed a resolution calling on Congress to work for class action litigation reform.** Today, Americans for Tax Reform (ATR), the nation's leading taxpayer advocacy group, praised Colorado Senator Mark Hillman (R-1) for his drive to protect American taxpayers. In introducing a resolution urging Congress to reform the current class action lawsuit process in order to ensure fair legal process for class members with legitimate claims, protect responsible companies and other institutions against frivolous interstate class actions in state courts, Sen. Hillman is using the power of his state legislature to shape congressional debate.

ATR's State Legislative Advisory Project was launched in 2001 in an effort to help give state legislators a louder voice in federal policymaking. In the project's first year, twenty-seven states passed resolutions urging their congressional delegations to support the Economic Growth Tax Relief Reconciliation Act. As of June, 2004, state legislators have already introduced 159 different resolutions in 40 legislative bodies in 25 states and passed 64 different resolutions in 23 legislative bodies in 16 states.

Taxpayer advocate Grover Norquist, president of ATR, praised Sen. Hillman's efforts. **"Americans for Tax Reform applauds Sen. Hillman for strengthening the voices of state legislators working to bring critical issues to the forefront of congressional debate."**

Sen. Hillman's resolution encourages passing legislation that assures fair and prompt recoveries for class members who bring legitimate claims forward, protects responsible companies and other institutions from forced settlements and excessive judgments, and provides for Federal Court consideration of interstate class actions.

"The current broken Class Action Litigation process needs to be fixed for the sake of class members, consumers, and responsible companies," said Norquist. **"The only group that does not want to restore public respect for the judicial system is made up of plaintiffs' lawyers."**

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all federal, state and local tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact Jonathan Collegio at (202) 785-0266 or at jcollegio@atr.org.