



AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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President

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Senate Judiciary and Civil & Criminal Jurisprudence Committee
State Capitol Building
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Committee member,

You are no doubt aware that there is a bill to preserve the separation of powers in Missouri that awaits your approval. As House Joint Resolution 41 has passed through the house, it is up to you to take the lead in passing this significant measure along to the senate for a floor vote.

The power to raise taxes or protect taxpayers from higher taxation lies in the hands of the Missouri General Assembly. Your support of this resolution will help to affirm that elected officials, not judicial activists, determine tax policy in Missouri.

As leaders in the state senate, your constituents and the other senators expect you to act in their best interest. HJR 41 would protect the taxpayers from policies being initiated by judges throughout the state. By reinforcing the protective barrier that prevents any branch of government from usurping powers from another, HJR 41 helps to strengthen Missouri's constitution.

In court cases from New Hampshire to Nevada, judges have acted as lawmakers by ordering additional funding be raised and spent on education. In these cases, one judge made the decision for millions of dollars to be spent on programs that the legislature was disallowed to vote on or debate. Examples such as these prove that judicial activism shreds the laws created in society designed to protect citizens and gives one single individual the ability to make a decision that affects millions of people.

Missouri is not the only state to face the threat of judicial activism, but you have the ability to make a difference in Missouri by passing HJR 41 through committee. By supporting this measure, you will send a strong signal that it is the role of the legislature, and the legislature only, to make state law.

Onward,

Grover Norquist