



# AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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*President*

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Honorable Chet Culver  
State Capitol  
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Culver,

As early as today, you will be asked to place your signature on House File 2645, a piece of legislation that could potentially prove disastrous to Iowa taxpayers. I write to urge you to reject the pressure of labor unions and stand up for the best interests of all Iowa taxpayers by using your veto pen on this bill.

While proponents of this bill have attempted to present it as a non-controversial piece of legislation that will serve to protect and strengthen the bargaining rights of union members in Iowa that is simply not the case. **Under the cover of darkness, elements have been added to this bill that would allow labor unions to attain almost insurmountable power and control over taxpayer wallets.**

Part of the plan includes stripping local officials and school board members of their ability to control the level of property tax increases. In light of the recent rise in home assessment values and higher property tax bills and the resulting taxpayer revolt in states across the country such as Indiana and Georgia, you are well aware that the threat of higher property taxes would not be taken lightly by Iowa voters.

House File 2645 is nothing more than a political shell game that places control in the hands of few while hitting Iowa taxpayers where it hurts the most- in their wallets. **On behalf of Iowa taxpayers, I urge you to stand up for the best interests of your constituents and take swift action to veto this legislation.**

Onward,

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