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Ratings Alert HJR 96: ATR Will Double Rate Tax Limitation Amendment

On Wednesday, the House will vote on HJR 96, the Tax Limitation Amendment (TLA). The Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) will double rate this vote in our annual Congressional ratings given the legislation's importance for American taxpayers.

ATR supports TLA because:

- Taking Working Americans Money Must Be Held To The Highest Standard. A 2/3 "supermajority" standard is reserved for the most important of issues, including amending the Constitution, impeaching the President, and ratifying international treaties. The same standard of importance should be used when deciding to take more money from the American people.
- Protects Taxpayers From Tax Increases. The four largest tax increases since 1980 - in 1982, 1987, 1990 and the largest ever in 1993 all would have failed if a 2/3 supermajority had been required.
- Taxes Are High Enough. The two tax cuts adopted under President Bush have stopped the increasing tax burden experienced over the last decade. But even with the Bush tax cuts, federal still consumer 21.5 percent of national income, well above the historical range of 18 – 20 percent since World War II.
- Faster Economic Growth. An analysis of the 9 states that have had tax limitation mechanisms in place since 1993 shows a very clear trend. Economic growth (as measured by per capita gross state product) was 10% higher and employment growth was 20 percent higher in states with tax limitation, as compared to all other states.
- Lower Tax Burden. A new study finds taxes as percentage of state income are lower in states that have enacted supermajority requirements. Another study found annual growth of state tax revenue is lower in states that have supermajority requirements. This effect is even stronger for states whose supermajority requirements pertain to all forms of tax increases.

ATR asks for your support on this important legislation.

ATR Will Double Rate This Vote