



AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

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AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM WILL RATE H. RES 1000 – EARMARK TRANSPARENCY

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) will rate H.Res 1000 in the organization's 2006 Congressional Ratings. A yes vote is vote for taxpayers.

Federal government spending has grown rapidly in the past five years. From 2001 to 2006, spending increased from \$1.86 trillion to \$2.66 trillion—a 43 percent increase—and federal outlays rose from 18.5 percent of GDP to 20.4 percent. As a result, the average American needed to work 87 days in 2006 to pay for federal spending--an increase of eight days since 2000.

Part of this increase stems from out of control earmarks. According to Citizens against Government Waste (CAGW), the number of earmarks since 2000 has increased from 4,326 to 14,000 in 2005. This number is just for appropriation bills as thousands of more earmarks are contained in other bills.

H.Res 1000 is a first step toward greater transparency in the broken earmark process. And it is vital that this measure pass the House of Representative tomorrow.

Taxpayers are demanding greater transparency in the earmark process and H.Res 1000 provides this transparency. A vote yes for H.Res 1000 is vote in the taxpayers interest.

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