

House State, Civic, Military, & Veterans Affairs

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HR26-1008 Affirm Commitment to TABOR

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| Alexandra Berger For themselves | We have voted on this time and time again. We the people want you to LEAVE TABOR ALONE. |
| Amanda Trefry For themselves | TABOR is very important to the Colorado citizens. We must protect the rights of the people! Any infringement on TABOR is a direct attack on the citizens right to vote! TABOR directs the citizens to vote on ALL tax increases and new taxes. Any surplus gets returned to the PEOPLE! Thank you representatives Barron and Gonzales for standing up for the Citizens of Colorado. |
| C McCallum For themselves | TABOR is meant to create a transparent process in which the citizens of CO get to see how the state government is spending our tax dollars. The taxpayers can then decide if more money is warranted for these projects and can VOTE to raise taxes. It is the only way for the government to be held accountable for the taxpayer money they spend, and the programs the government runs. Given that there is a >1 Billion dollar deficit in the state budget, I believe our politicians have shown their inability manage our hard earned tax dollars we pay and should not have free reign. the only way to keep Colorado solvent (and not become California) is to affirm out commitment to TABOR. |
| Ingrid Moore Against themselves | I OPPOSE this resolution! This resolution unnecessarily restricts government flexibility to respond to changing needs and economic conditions, potentially limiting funding for essential public services. It could be interpreted as a political statement that characterizes legitimate ballot measures and fiscal policies as attempts to circumvent TABOR rather than working within its framework. Please vote NO on this resolution! |
| JEANY RUSH For | TO: HOUSE STATE, CIVIC, MILITARY, & VETERANS AFFAIRS |

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| <p>themselves</p> | <p>RE: HR26-1008 AFFIRM COMMITMENT TO THE TAXPAYER BILL OF RIGHTS ~ HOUSE RESOLUTION™</p> <p>SPONSORS: R GONZALEZ, C BARRON</p> <p>FROM: JEANY RUSH COLORADO CONSTITUENT 4-20-26</p> <p>VOTE: YES ~STOP TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION~</p> <p>FOLKS:</p> <p>Since 1992, Colorado taxpayers made it Constitutionally clear they supported the Taxpayer™s Bill of Rights~ (TABOR), and expected ANY tax increases must be approved by the people and their Right to determine how their money is used!</p> <p>Both before, and now through ~Backdoor~ sneak methods, taxpayers have been excluded from decisions in taxes, growth of our government, and this included increases in rates, mill levies, debt, bonds, and various other means to increase what the government spends, creates, and what the taxpayers must PAY!</p> <p>While TABOR required Ballot Transparency, and Full Fiscal disclosures as to how any tax increase impacts VOTERS™ pocket books, the state has often avoided that accountability, including the TOO OFTEN USED SAFETY CLAUSE, stopping a vote by people, or by improperly portraying our impacts from the many bills, (ORBITAL BILLS TO SNEAK IN MORE FEES/TAXES).</p> <p>What this has allowed goes against the Voters™ Right to INFORMED Consent, and often Comprehend due to confusing language and skirting around the truth! IT ALSO SUPPORTS THE GLOBALIST THREAT TO TAKE EVERYTHING AND LEAVE US ALL DESTITUTE!</p> <p>Over collecting Taxpayers funds as well as over spending, planning, and executing programs without proper accountability, transparency, have all negatively impacted the citizens, the businesses, and the wellbeing of the entire state of Colorado. The way this session has again skirted around Tabor, to increase Budgets Beyond Reason, not cutting waste, and hiding so much from the public is OUTRIGHT CRIMINAL. It truly is a violation of the oath of office of all supposed elected representatives.</p> <p>This Resolution insures the government goes back to RESPECTING THE WILL AND RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE! WITHOUT THIS, WE ARE NOTHING MORE THAN A 3RD WORLD NATION IN DISTRESS!</p> |
| <p>Mary Ann McCoy</p> <p>For</p> <p>themselves</p> | <p>Sirs: Tabor is a bill that really does protect the people. It has ben hated and attacked by politicians, who somehow think that taxpayers dollars are like a fire hose of unending money that they can spend on the latest trends. Our state deficit shows that there really is not a firehose</p> |

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| | <p>squirting money. SORRY. Time to reduce, drop, end programs that are no longer working, necessary or feasible. DON'T TOUCH TABOR!</p> |
| <p>Meghan Raynes Against Colorado Education Association</p> | <p>Good Afternoon, Chair and Members of the Committee.</p> <p>My name is Meghan Raynes. I am the Director of Government Relations for the Colorado Education Association. I'm here today in strong OPPOSITION of HR-1008.</p> <p>This resolution promotes the kind of rigid fiscal thinking that has historically tied the hands of government; prioritizing strict limits over the ability to respond to real needs, and too often resulting in underinvestment in the services that most Coloradans rely on. We've seen the consequences of that approach: when revenue is constrained without flexibility, vital public services, and the residents who depend on them, suffer.</p> <p>That is especially true for public education. Schools depend on stable, predictable funding to support educators, manage class sizes, and meet growing student needs. Measures that reinforce inflexible revenue constraints risk creating greater budget uncertainty and making it harder for districts to plan and deliver for students.</p> <p>We recently had a kindergarten teacher come to the Capitol and share her story of a student in crisis hurt another student and herself, and she's now in physical therapy and getting counseling. She doesn't blame the child, she blames the system "TABOR" that starves education of the funding it needs to serve the students who need the most support.</p> <p>At a time when Colorado is working to address educator workforce shortages and student needs, this resolution does not offer solutions. Instead, it risks making it harder to pursue balanced, bipartisan approaches to funding the services Coloradans rely on every day.</p> <p>For these reasons, we urge a "NO" vote. Thank you for your time and consideration, and I'm available for any questions.</p> |
| <p>Patty McKernan For themselves</p> | <p>Thank you Reps Gonzalez and Rep Baron for bringing this resolution forward. My name is Patty McKernan and I am a native of Colorado. I am now retired and wondering how to afford staying in Colorado with the expenses going up, up, and up. The spending spree that this state has gone on is staggering. Your job is to balance the budget AND THAT DOES NOT INCLUDE burdening your constituents! We had such a wonderful state and when we hit road bumps like the financial meltdown in 2008 and the Covid crisis in 2020 we were able to survive because we had TABOR in place and we were not overspending like other states. Whenever a new person moved to Colorado over the years I would educate them on TABOR and how it helped us to survive where other states were in turmoil. Apparently there are not enough folks like</p> |

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| | <p>me to go around because the legislature has been passing off fees in place of taxes and the taxpayers have not revolted and so far Democrats have retained the majority and shut down any aversion to tax increases disguised as fees. Most of us are working so hard that we don't have time to come to the Capitol and fight. I retired this year just to fight these spending sprees and the suppression of individual rights. I urge you to vote in favor of this resolution. TABOR saved Colorado but you have the ability to keep it safe and fiscally sound.</p> |
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