

House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,  
 urging Congress to oppose the intrusive Internal  
 Revenue Service reporting requirements placed on  
 financial institutions included in the Biden  
 administration's tax increase proposal.

WHEREAS, the Biden administration's tax increase proposal  
 for fiscal year 2022 includes a number of provisions that would  
 place undue burdens on financial institutions, small businesses,  
 and law-abiding citizens, and

WHEREAS, one proposal seeks to increase tax payment  
 enforcement measures by requiring peer-to-peer payment  
 transaction applications as well as financial institutions to  
 annually report aggregated data on all account inflows and  
 outflows of \$10,000 or more to the Internal Revenue Service  
 (IRS), and

WHEREAS, the reports would also disclose whether  
 transactions involved physical cash, foreign accounts, or  
 transfers between accounts with the same owner, negatively  
 impacting the privacy rights of Americans, compliance costs, and  
 low-income communities, and

WHEREAS, the proposal's \$10,000 threshold for reporting  
 would ensnare many active financial institution accounts,  
 including those owned by individuals and small businesses,

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26 requiring the financial data of the majority of those accounts  
 27 to be sent to the IRS, an agency that experiences more than one  
 28 billion cyberattacks each year, and

29 WHEREAS, a June 2021 ProPublica article revealed a massive  
 30 leak of tax return data from the IRS, demonstrating that the  
 31 agency is unable or unwilling to protect taxpayer information,  
 32 and given its many vulnerabilities in cybersecurity, the IRS  
 33 should not be trusted with more private information, and

34 WHEREAS, by holding financial institutions responsible for  
 35 data collection and reporting, the proposal would force  
 36 financial institutions to increase spending on additional  
 37 staffing, technology, and other resources, which could then be  
 38 passed on to the depositors, thus burdening tax-compliant  
 39 citizens and small businesses, and

40 WHEREAS, the Biden administration's tax increase proposal  
 41 fails to consider cybersecurity risks and unjust burdens on law-  
 42 abiding citizens, financial institutions, and small businesses,  
 43 and the United States Congress should oppose this unprecedented  
 44 intrusion into the privacy rights of Americans, NOW, THEREFORE,

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 46 Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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 48 That the Congress of the United States is urged to oppose  
 49 the intrusive Internal Revenue Service reporting requirements

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50 placed on financial institutions included in the Biden  
51 administration's tax increase proposal.

52 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be  
53 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the  
54 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the  
55 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of  
56 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.