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Maine Taxpayer Bill of Rights Fact of the Day: Now You're Getting the Idea!

On November 7th, Maine voters will have the chance to vote on the Taxpayer Bill of Rights, which would limit increases in state and local government spending to the rate of inflation plus population growth and would require voter approval for all tax and fee increases.

The latest argument coming out of the anti-spending limit crowd is the Taxpayer Bill of Rights would make tax reform virtually impossible. They state:

“The comprehensive reform of Maine’s tax code requires a rebalancing; that is, one type of tax must be reduced and another type of tax must be increased to achieve a more equitable balance among the various tax sources. TABOR prohibits the Legislature from increasing any tax...without a statewide vote.”*

You mean the Taxpayer Bill of Rights would force the state legislature to enact fiscal discipline and make tax increases more difficult?!

For a state with the highest state and local tax burden in the U.S., the type of tax reform Maine needs is not a “balancing act” that keeps taxes at the same high level.

The Maine Taxpayer Bill of Rights offers Mainers the opportunity to stop tax increases, an action that will create an environment for greater economic growth and job creation.

Vote YES on November 7th!

* http://www.stophurricanetabor.com/fraud_forecast.html

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