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## **SOS: A Signal of Hope for Nebraska Taxpayers** *Voters could sink high tax ship*

Washington, DC- On November 7<sup>th</sup>, Nebraska voters will decide whether or not to approve Measure 423, Stop Over Spending, an initiative that would amend the state constitution to limit the annual growth in government.

The measure controls state expenditures to grow no faster than the rate of annual population growth plus inflation and restricts tax increases or spending above the limit unless approved by voters. The amendment would not cut any existing programs and would allow for the legislature to increase funding for schools, health care, roads, and other priorities. The legislature must simply seek approval from the voters before increasing spending.

**“The time is right for a spending cap in Nebraska,”** stated Grover Norquist, President of Americans for Tax Reform, **“Initiative 423 would dilute the power of big spenders and powerful special interest groups and would force government officials to become more efficient before raising taxes.”**

Currently Nebraska is the sixth highest taxed state in the nation, according to the Tax Foundation. For the last 20 years state spending has increased by roughly 228 percent, while cost of living for Nebraskans increased only 81.8 percent. Without a spending limit, the people of Nebraska will see their tax bills double within 10 years.

**“Reducing the high tax burden would stimulate the Nebraska economy and give control back to Nebraska families,”** continued Norquist. **“It’s time to take the rudder away from Nebraska’s big spenders and put the taxpayers back in charge.”**

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all federal, state and local tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview, please contact John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or at [jkartch@atr.org](mailto:jkartch@atr.org).

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