

By Senator Gelber

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Senate Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States,
urging Congress to repeal Section 511 of the Tax
Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act (TIPRA)
which requires governments that have annual budgets in
excess of \$100 million to withhold a 3 percent federal
tax on payments made for most goods and services.

WHEREAS, state purchasing officials serve the public
interest and are charged with maximizing the value of every tax
dollar expended, and

WHEREAS, the unfunded mandate in Section 511 of Public Law
No. 109-222 (26 U.S.C. 3402(t)) will result in additional
expenditures of human and budgetary capital to achieve agency
compliance, and

WHEREAS, an increase in operating costs would result in
significant reductions of support for critical services to the
citizens of the State of Florida, and

WHEREAS, implementation of the unfunded mandate in Section
511 of Public Law No. 109-222 (26 U.S.C. 3402(t)) will result in
the diluted value of the taxpayer dollar, and

WHEREAS, the requirement of a 3 percent withholding not
only places a substantial burden on state and local governments,
it is detrimental to the small businesses that are the backbone
of Florida's economy, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

That the Congress of the United States is urged to repeal

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30 the unfunded mandate contained in Section 511 of Public Law No.
31 109-222 (26 U.S.C. 3402(t)) by enacting H.R. 275 or S. 292, or
32 similar legislation, which is pending before 111th Congress.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
34 dispatched to the President of the United States, to the
35 President of the United States Senate, to the Speaker of the
36 United States House of Representatives, and to each member of
37 the Florida delegation to the United States Congress.