

House Memorial

A memorial to the Congress of the United States, urging Congress to support the repeal of Section 511 of the Tax Increase Prevention and Reconciliation Act of 2005 (TIPRA), which requires governments with annual spending in excess of \$100 million to withhold a 3-percent federal tax on payments made for certain 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 109-222, 25 U.S.C. s. 342(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 109-222, 25 U.S.C. s. 342(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:

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29 That the Congress of the United States is urged to repeal
30 the unfunded mandate in Section 511 of Public Law 109-222, 25
31 U.S.C. s. 342(t), through the passage of legislation such as
32 H.R. 275 and S. 292 of the 111th Congress and S. 164 of the
33 112th Congress, which include that repeal.

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