

Paul Honored as "Taxpayers' Friend" for Ninth Consecutive Year

March 1, 2006 Washington, DC: Congressman Ron Paul has been recognized as a top advocate for taxpayers in the U.S. Congress for the ninth year in a row, earning the nonpartisan National Taxpayers Union's annual award as a "Taxpayers' Friend" for 2005. Only 44 of 435 members in the U.S. House of Representatives earned similar honors last year.

Paul promises his constituents he will vote against tax increases, spending increases, and bloated budgets.

The annual NTU rating is based on critical congressional votes relating to federal tax, spending, and regulatory issues. Paul consistently ranks at or near the top of NTU's scorecard in terms of his pro-taxpayer votes.

Overall, however, Congress is slipping when it comes to serving the least-represented special interest of all—American taxpayers.

"Deeds count for more than words in taming the growth of big government, which is why Congress's 2005 fiscal ratings barely moved from their already-depressed levels," said NTU President John Berthoud. "If politicians want to get their pro-taxpayer scores out of the cellar this year, they will have to follow through on promises to change Washington's pork-barrel culture. Congressman Paul's high NTU score indicates his commitment to reducing or controlling federal spending, taxes, debt, and regulation."