

## Congressman Paul Honored as Taxpayers' Best Friend in Congress

*Ranks #1 out of 435 Members of Congress!*

Washington, DC: Congressman Ron Paul has been named the top friend of taxpayers in Congress for the fourth straight year. According to a widely-anticipated annual rating of Congress released yesterday, Paul voted to reduce the burden on federal taxpayers more than any other member of the House of Representatives. The rating, published by the National Taxpayers Union (NTU), ranks Paul first out of 435 members for his pro-taxpayer voting record.

“For the second year in a row, most Members of Congress turned even further away from fiscal policies that could help protect our economic and national security,” said NTU president John Berthoud. “If every Member of Congress had voted as responsibly as Representative Paul did in 2002, Americans could enjoy much lower taxes and less waste in government. Overburdened taxpayers in Texas and across the nation owe him a debt of gratitude for his hard work on their behalf. Dr. Paul’s pro-taxpayer score was the best in the entire House. By consistently voting to reduce federal spending, taxes, and debt, he truly has earned the title ‘Taxpayers’ Friend.’”

“While many Members of Congress talk about reducing the size of government, Representative Paul backed up those words with votes,” Berthoud continued. “This award proves that he is a consistent and effective ally in our battle to restore fiscal responsibility to Washington.”

NTU is a non-partisan citizen organization with more than 300,000 members. NTU works for lower taxes, less wasteful spending, and accountable government at all levels. Unlike many organizations that publish congressional ratings, NTU does not simply consider a few key votes. Instead, the rating system focuses on 139 votes affecting fiscal policy. The “Taxpayers’ Friend” award is given only to those members who demonstrate a commitment to reducing federal spending, taxes, debt, and regulation.