

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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### A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing Congress to retain the deduction for State and  
2 local taxes.

3 WHEREAS, The President has proposed a sweeping tax reform  
4 proposal which the United States Department of the Treasury  
5 hopes to see enacted this year and which would eliminate Federal  
6 income tax deductions for State and local taxes; and

7 WHEREAS, The combination of local property taxes with various  
8 State taxes amounts to a substantial portion of the total tax  
9 burden of Pennsylvania residents; and

10 WHEREAS, Existing and proposed reductions in Federal aid,  
11 particularly the proposed elimination of revenue sharing,  
12 threaten to place extreme pressure on other layers of  
13 government, particularly counties, municipalities and school  
14 districts, to increase their own tax efforts, thus exacerbating  
15 the inequitable fiscal relationship between the Federal  
16 Government and the people of Pennsylvania; and

17 WHEREAS, By eliminating deductions for State and local taxes,

1 the President's tax plan threatens to penalize Pennsylvania  
2 residents for their strenuous efforts to provide their own  
3 public services, and to place local officials in the difficult  
4 position of choosing between painful tax increases or equally  
5 painful service reductions; and

6 WHEREAS, By eliminating the deduction for property taxes, in  
7 particular, the President's plan will reduce the hard-earned  
8 investment of many Pennsylvania homeowners, destroy the hopes of  
9 home ownership among young individuals and couples and hamper  
10 our building, real estate and financial industries, along with  
11 existing and potential employment in those industries; therefore  
12 be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the  
14 Commonwealth of Pennsylvania hereby memorializes the Congress of  
15 the United States to oppose any legislation which would  
16 eliminate the Federal income tax deductions for State and local  
17 taxes; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the House Finance Committee be directed to  
19 hold public hearings on this issue at such times and in such  
20 locations within this Commonwealth as it deems necessary; and be  
21 it further

22 RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
23 the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of  
24 each house of Congress and to each member of Congress from  
25 Pennsylvania.