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2009 Watchdog Email Alert #2

ACTION NEEDED: Transparency Legislation is Set for Debate in the Iowa House!

Please call and email your Representative NOW and urge them to vote "YES!" on House File 801.

The Iowa Taxpayer Transparency Act is scheduled for debate in the Iowa House of Representatives **tomorrow**, Tuesday, March 24.

Your support has helped move the Iowa Taxpayer Transparency Act through the committee process and now to a vote on the floor of the Iowa House of Representatives; the bill needs approval here to continue along the legislative process. **Your phone calls and emails make a difference!**

How to Contact Your Representative:

Telephone: Call the House Switchboard at 515-281-3221, and leave a message for your Representative. The message is, "please vote 'YES' on House File 801, the Iowa Transparency Act."

Email: To find your Representative's email address, visit the "Legislator Lookup" feature on the ITR website at: <http://www.taxrelief.org/legislators>. Below is a sample message for your use:

Dear Representative,

Please support House File 801. We want to see how and where our tax dollars are spent!

Please vote "YES!" on the Iowa Taxpayer Transparency Act, HF 801!

The Iowa Taxpayer Transparency Act Background Information:

Earlier this year, Iowans for Tax Relief took part in a press conference at the Iowa Statehouse with five Iowa lawmakers introducing the Iowa Taxpayer Transparency Act of 2009. The bill (originally House File 74) House File 801, creates a single website database for taxpayers to search state expenditures and all tax rates across the state.

This legislation was unanimously supported by the House State Government Committee, due in large part to your action contacting lawmakers. Iowans for Tax Relief enthusiastically SUPPORTS the Iowa Taxpayer Transparency Act of 2009. We believe all Iowans should be able to easily access the details on how we are taxed and how our money is spent.