

January 28, 2025

To: Members of the New Hampshire House Ways and Means Committee
From: Americans for Tax Reform
Re: **Support HB 155**

Dear Representative,

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform and our supporters across New Hampshire, I applaud you for your unwavering defense of taxpayers and your ongoing commitment to pro-growth tax reform. With your support, New Hampshire became the eighth true no-income-tax state with the complete phase-out of its interest and dividends tax on January 1, 2025. This historic reform will encourage new investment and make your state an even more attractive place to live, work, and raise a family.

However, now is not the time to rest on your laurels. **HB 155 is a golden opportunity to further enhance New Hampshire's competitiveness in relation to neighboring tax-and-spend states like Massachusetts and Vermont. The bill would constitute a landmark victory in reducing business taxes, allowing New Hampshire entrepreneurs to see a reduction in their business enterprise tax (BET) liability from 0.55 to 0.50%.**

In addition to creating a more competitive business environment in which entrepreneurs have better odds of succeeding, it is important to note that business taxes are ultimately paid by two key groups of people: consumers, who pay the corporate tax in the form of higher prices; and employees, who pay through lower wages. **By lowering the burden on businesses, this bill is certain to allow consumers and employees to keep more of their hard-earned money.**

Moreover, taking the Business Enterprise Tax (BET) from 0.55% to 0.50% is a furtherance of the legislature's goals in 2015, when New Hampshire began a series of rate reductions to cut the BET from a much higher level of 0.75%. **Importantly, this 9% rate reduction in the BET directly benefits smaller companies that are not subject to the Business Profits Tax (BPT).** Small businesses often have smaller profit margins, a lack of extensive infrastructure, and a harder time finding employees than their larger competitors. HB 155 promotes entrepreneurship and gives a leg up to small businesses who are struggling to compete.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote YES on HB 155 and continue making New Hampshire an example to the rest of the country on how to keep taxes low and people free.

Sincerely,



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