

January 28, 2025

To: Members of the New Hampshire House Ways and Means Committee
From: Americans for Tax Reform
Re: Support HB 417 – Repeal the Communications Tax

Dear Representative,

On behalf of Americans for Tax Reform and our supporters across New Hampshire, I urge you to support HB 417 and become the first state in the nation to repeal its communications tax. If enacted, New Hampshire is likely to add another achievement to its long list of model policies that many of the other 49 states will look to emulate.

Fundamentally, this bill gets rid of a nuisance tax that is no longer limited to the wealthy. A few decades ago, only the upper class had access to the kind of technology that virtually all Granite Staters rely upon today: cellular service, which is now a ubiquitous fact of life. **Today, communications taxes hit low-earners the hardest, eating up a larger percentage of their income on cell phone service – a monthly bill that is all but required for life in 21st century America.** It's a no-brainer to put money back in nearly everyone's pocket by getting rid of this special tax once and for all.

New Hampshire would also become the first state to eliminate its communications service tax. HB 417 shores up New Hampshire's status as a no-sales-tax state, while setting an example for other states that tax wireless communications at rates as high as 22%.

With a revenue impact of just \$30 million, getting rid of this unnecessary sales tax once and for all is an excellent avenue through which to provide relief for low-earners and all New Hampshire residents who use a cell phone. **For the reasons outlined above, I urge you to vote YES on HB 417 and achieve the elimination of yet another tax from New Hampshire's books.**

Sincerely,



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