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To: Members US House of Representatives and US taxpayers
From: Lew Uhler, President of the National Tax Limitation Committee
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RE: HR 4160: State Health Flexibility Act

As President & Founder of the National Tax Limitation Committee, I am urging all tax conscious citizens to join me in supporting H.R. 4160, the “State Health Flexibility Act.” This bill is designed to deliver to the states, block grant Medicaid and S-CHIP, allowing the individual states to have more control over their own destiny.

As proposed, H.R. 4160 will save taxpayers \$1.8 trillion in new borrowing and spending while still maintaining the 2012 levels of service. Similar to the successful 1996 welfare reforms the then Republican congress enacted, this bill will maintain the block grants at the same fiscal levels for ten years, encouraging the states to spend wisely and manage taxpayer money diligently.

America was founded on the belief of more local control, that those representatives closest to their citizens will best be able to serve the citizenry. H.R. 4160 delivers on to states the ability to manage and deliver services currently being run by a federal Health and Human Services department that believes in “one size fits all” welfare. A department that is, like so many others in this current administration, ridiculously distant from the citizenry it claims to serve.

Failure to approve such a measure as this will leave the abysmal status quo in place. As it is now, states have no incentive to reign in their spending, and to the contrary, receive matching funds for the monies they do spend from the federal government. In true government mentality, the more they spend this year, the more they can spend next year.

Please join in me, the National Tax Limitation Committee and other tax payer advocates, in supporting H.R. 4160. Thank you.