

Resolution in Support of a Taxpayers Bill of Rights

(TABOR)

Whereas, taxpayers have a right to have a government that does not grow beyond their ability to pay; and

Whereas, undisciplined government spending and tax increases are a burden on taxpayers and harms economic performance; and

Whereas, during the Napolitano years, spending by Arizona state government increased an average of twelve per cent annually while the state economy grew at an average less than seven per cent annually; and

Whereas, if Arizona government wants to protect its taxpayers and be fiscally responsible and disciplined, it needs a firm limit on revenue and expenditures; and

Whereas, the most effective limitation measures have three common characteristics:

- They are part of the state constitution and cannot be manipulated by politicians,
- They limit government expenditures to grow at the inflation rate plus population growth and no more without a super majority vote,
- They provide that surplus revenues be returned to the taxpayers; and

Whereas, a Taxpayers' Bill of Rights ("TABOR") allows government growth at a slow and predictable rate;

Therefore Be it Resolved by the Republican Party of the State of Arizona: A TABOR is a firm, fair discipline that assures the public that the Arizona state government is serious about protecting them and the economy from a high tax burden and forces the Governor and legislators to look for efficiencies in government and to avoid raising taxes as a first resort.