

1 State of Arkansas  
2 93rd General Assembly  
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HCR 1021

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5 By: Representative Haak  
6 By: Senator Flippo

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8 **HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

9 TO DISCOURAGE THE RECENT PROPOSAL REQUIRING FINANCIAL  
10 INSTITUTIONS TO SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE THE AMOUNT OF  
11 AMERICAN TAXPAYER'S DATA REPORTED TO THE INTERNAL  
12 REVENUE SERVICE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

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23 WHEREAS, the General Assembly is alarmed about a recent proposal  
24 requiring financial institutions to significantly increase the amount of  
25 American taxpayers' data reported to the Internal Revenue Service; and

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27 WHEREAS, the General Assembly does not believe this is necessary and  
28 may, in fact, have unintended consequences; and

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30 WHEREAS, specifically, this proposal would require financial  
31 institutions and other financial services providers to report certain  
32 transaction-level data as well as information about the outflows and inflows  
33 on accounts over six hundred dollars (\$600) to the Internal Revenue Service  
34 every year; and

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36 WHEREAS, this proposal would not only impose significant compliance



1 costs on our banks that have served as the backbone of the economy these past  
2 eighteen (18) months, but also infringe on the privacy of millions of  
3 Americans; and

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5 WHEREAS, Americans feel strongly about our right to privacy; and

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7 WHEREAS, the government and the public should not know every private  
8 aspect of Americans' income and assets; and

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10 WHEREAS, requiring reporting for all customer accounts, regardless of  
11 the likelihood of unreported income, is an abuse of American's rights and  
12 privacy; and

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14 WHEREAS, this proposal allows the Internal Revenue Service to monitor  
15 the financial dealings of every American consumer and business with a  
16 depository account without cause; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service should not be allowed to use the  
19 budget reconciliation process to unnecessarily intrude into consumers'  
20 financial lives; and

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22 WHEREAS, additionally, this proposal creates new barriers for the  
23 unbanked or underbanked; and

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25 WHEREAS, privacy is cited as one of the primary reasons individuals  
26 choose not to open bank accounts;

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28 WHEREAS, many Americans opt out of the financial system because they  
29 distrust the government; and

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31 WHEREAS, for those that have recently started an account, this new  
32 reporting could actually push them back out of the system, and instead turn  
33 to nonbank lenders with exorbitant fees; and

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35 WHEREAS, instead of focusing on raising revenue at the expense of our  
36 taxpayers and financial institutions, the General Assembly ask that the

1 federal government focus on protecting Americans and the current financial  
2 system,

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4 NOW THEREFORE,

5 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL  
6 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS, AND BY THE SENATE, A MAJORITY OF ALL  
7 MEMBERS ELECTED TO EACH HOUSE AGREEING THERETO:

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9 THAT the General Assembly discourage the recent proposal requiring  
10 financial institutions to significantly increase the amount of American  
11 taxpayer's data reported to the Internal Revenue Service.

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT upon adoption of this resolution, a copy be  
14 provided to Nancy Pelosi, Speaker of the House, Janet Yellen, Secretary,  
15 United States Department of Treasury, Charles P. Rettig, Commissioner,  
16 Internal Revenue Service, and Jim McGovern, Chairman, House Committee on  
17 Rules, United States House of Representatives by the Chief Clerk of the House  
18 of Representatives.

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