

## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 154

Senators Runestad, Barrett, Bizon, Bumstead, Daley, Huizenga, Johnson, McBroom, Nesbitt, Theis, Victory, Wozniak and Zorn offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to urge the Congress of the United States to  
2 permanently extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 with  
3 commensurate spending cuts to avoid increasing the federal tax  
4 burden.

5           Whereas, Prior to government-mandated economic shutdowns  
6 during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017  
7 (TCJA) spurred steady economic expansion and allowed the spirit of  
8 entrepreneurship to flourish, while creating new jobs and  
9 opportunities for tens of millions of Americans. The act resulted  
10 in a \$1.5 trillion net tax cut, and was followed by historically  
11 low unemployment rates, an increase in business investment, and a

1 \$6,000 increase in real median household income over the next two  
2 years. This includes scores of raises and bonuses for workers  
3 immediately after the law was adopted; and

4       Whereas, The TCJA reduced federal tax rates for households  
5 across every income level, and this relief resulted in a tax cut of  
6 more than \$1,500 for the average middle-income earner. The act had  
7 many provisions to reduce the individual income taxes including  
8 reductions in personal income tax rates, nearly doubling the  
9 standard deduction, and substantially reducing the hated  
10 Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT); and

11       Whereas, The TCJA set an annual cap of \$10,000 on the state  
12 and local tax (SALT) deduction, broadening the tax base at the  
13 federal level and in many states. This caused state level budget  
14 surpluses and lead to many states offering substantial tax relief;  
15 and

16       Whereas, Prior to the TCJA, the top corporate income tax rate  
17 in the United States was thirty-five percent, the highest among all  
18 nations in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and  
19 Development (OECD). The act reduced the tax rate to twenty-one  
20 percent, bringing the United States back to average among OECD  
21 member nations, and dramatically enhancing American  
22 competitiveness; and

23       Whereas, Many significant provisions of the TCJA are set to  
24 expire after December 31, 2025. Allowing these provisions to expire  
25 would result in a massive federal tax increase on hardworking  
26 American taxpayers, a significant decline in American  
27 competitiveness, fewer jobs, reduced wage income for workers, and  
28 higher prices. In addition, the expiration of these provisions  
29 would incentivize many states to return to a period of higher taxes

1 and inflated spending; and

2       Whereas, More than 100 million American taxpayers from all  
3 income groups, but especially those in the middle and working  
4 classes, have enjoyed real tax relief due to the TCJA. The majority  
5 of Americans support making these tax cuts permanent; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7       Resolved by the Senate, That we urge the Congress of the  
8 United States to permanently extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of  
9 2017 with commensurate spending cuts to avoid increasing the  
10 federal tax burden; and be it further

11       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
12 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the  
13 President of the United States Senate, and the members of the  
14 Michigan congressional delegation.