

**CONCURRENT RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE TAX CUTS
AND JOBS ACT**

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STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Lincoln Fillmore

House Sponsor: Tyler Clancy

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This resolution recognizes the benefits from the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (the Act) and encourages the United States Congress to permanently extend the Act.

Highlighted Provisions:

This resolution:

- ▶ recognizes the various positive economic benefits to individual and corporate taxpayers due to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017;
- ▶ examines the consequences of the expiration of the Act in 2025; and
- ▶ encourages Congress to permanently extend the Act to retain the economic benefits to taxpayers.

Special Clauses:

None

Be it resolved by the Legislature of the state of Utah, the Governor concurring therein:

WHEREAS, before the government-mandated economic shutdowns during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 spurred steady economic expansion and allowed the spirit of entrepreneurship to flourish while creating new jobs and opportunities for millions of Americans;

WHEREAS, the tax cuts of 2017 resulted in a \$1.5 trillion net tax cut and were followed by historically low unemployment rates, an increase in business investment, and a \$6,000 increase in real median household income over two years, which included raises and

bonuses for workers immediately after the 2017 tax cuts were adopted;

WHEREAS, more than 100 million American taxpayers from all income groups, particularly middle and working class Americans, have enjoyed real tax relief due to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act;

WHEREAS, twenty-three provisions of the 2017 tax cuts directly relating to individual income taxes, such as the reductions in personal income tax rates, the near doubling of the standard deduction, and the substantial reduction of the Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) will expire after December 31, 2025;

WHEREAS, the 2017 tax cuts reduced federal tax rates for households across every income level, and this relief resulted in a tax cut of more than \$1,500 for the average middle-income earner;

WHEREAS, before the 2017 tax cuts, the top corporate income tax rate in the United States was 35%, the highest among all nations in the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD);

WHEREAS, the 2017 tax cuts reduced the business tax rate from 35% to 21%, bringing the United States back to average among OECD member nations and enhancing American competitiveness;

WHEREAS, the 2017 tax cuts set an annual cap of \$10,000 on the state and local tax (SALT) deduction, thereby broadening the tax base at the federal level and in many states, which caused state level budget surpluses and resulted in many states offering substantial tax relief;

WHEREAS, if the current \$10,000 cap on the SALT deduction is allowed to expire after December 31, 2025, the federal tax base will be narrowed;

WHEREAS, returning to an unlimited SALT deduction would be an incentive for many states to once again implement higher taxes and spend at higher levels;

WHEREAS, a majority of Americans support making the 2017 tax cuts permanent; and

WHEREAS, allowing the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 to expire would result in a tax increase on hardworking American taxpayers, a significant decline in American

58 competitiveness, fewer jobs, reduced wage income for workers, and higher prices:

59 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of the state of Utah, the
60 Governor concurring therein, urges the United States Congress to permanently extend the Tax
61 Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 with commensurate spending cuts to avoid increasing the federal
62 debt burden.

63 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the members of
64 Utah's congressional delegation.