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Shuster Votes to Patch the Alternative Minimum Tax – Save 23 Million Americans from Tax Hike

AMT Patch Passes without Controversial Tax Increase Scheme

Washington, D.C. –Today, **Congressman Bill Shuster** voted to pass a one year patch on the Alternative Minimum Tax, saving 23 million Americans from a massive tax increase.

“The Alternative Minimum Tax is a perfect example of big government gone awry. Congress created a monster in the AMT and its negligence in containing it this year put 23 million Americans in the cross-hairs for a massive tax increase and threw the tax filing season into chaos. Today’s legislation may have put the monster back in its cage but the damage is already done.

Because of the Democrat’s irrational insistence to patch the AMT by raising \$53 billion in taxes, the IRS was delayed in updating their computer systems to reflect whether an AMT would actually be passed. For that reason, nearly 50 million Americans will see their refunds unnecessarily delayed next year.

23 million may have been spared from the AMT this year, but it is absolutely unfair to force taxpayers who may have never even been faced with paying the AMT to pay for the Democrat’s mismanagement of the people’s business. In the past years, Republicans patched the AMT by June – long enough to allow taxpayers, tax preparers and the IRS to adapt. The Democrats have no excuse for their stonewalling.”

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