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AMASH NAMED TAXPAYERS' FRIEND

SCORES TOP HONORS AMONG HOUSE FRESHMEN, MICHIGAN DELEGATION

Washington, D.C. – The National Taxpayers Union (NTU) honored Rep. Justin Amash (R-MI) with its “Taxpayers’ Friend Award” for 2011. NTU gave Amash the highest rating for any freshman Representative and any member of the Michigan congressional delegation.

“By casting principled votes for limited government time and again, Justin Amash has led by example in the fight to defend overburdened taxpayers across the country,” said NTU President Duane Parde. “If every Member of Congress voted as carefully as Justin Amash, current and future generations of Americans could enjoy much lower taxes and a less wasteful government. Hard-working families in Michigan and across the nation owe Justin Amash a debt of gratitude for his effort on their behalf. Justin Amash has truly earned the title ‘Taxpayers’ Friend.’”

The award is given to Representatives and Senators who achieve an “A” grade in NTU’s annual Rating of Congress. The Rating, which is based on every roll call vote affecting fiscal policy, assigns a “Taxpayer Score” to each Member of Congress that indicates his or her support for reducing or controlling federal spending, taxes, debt, and regulation. For 2011, a total of 337 House and 234 Senate votes were selected.

Amash’s score of 91 percent made him the most pro-taxpayer freshman and the sixth most pro-taxpayer Representative overall. He also received the top score in the Michigan delegation. The average House score was 50 percent, and a total of 53 Congressmen received the award based on a minimum score of 85 percent in the House and 90 percent in the Senate.

“I came to Washington to address the federal government’s unsustainable debt and to remove barriers to growth,” said Amash. “I’m honored to receive this recognition of my consistent record in favor of limited government and economic freedom.”

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