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## **Constitutional Amendment on Taxation Will Lead to Unintended Consequences**

CONCORD – Passage today of a proposal to rewrite the constitution to prohibit any new tax on a person’s income will likely trigger an array of unintended consequences, said Jeff McLynch, executive director of the New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute.

McLynch was reacting to votes in the House and Senate today that send a proposed constitutional amendment to the ballot in November.

CACR 13 aims to ban any new tax on a person’s income, but would have consequences well beyond that.

“This will lead to prolonged legal battles as the New Hampshire courts are forced to rule on certain words and concepts,” he said. “It will end up freezing our tax system in place, along with our reliance on business and property taxes.”

A group of community leaders from around the state had previously urged the Senate to vote against CACR 13, arguing, among other things, that it would deny future generations the right to make decisions about how best to meet the needs of the state and to hold their elected officials accountable.

“Changes to New Hampshire’s most basic and foundational document should be rare and demonstrate a clear need. CACR 13 does not pass this test,” the letter states.

To see the full contents of the letter, go to [http://www.nhfpi.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Letter\\_to\\_the\\_Senate\\_opposing\\_CACR\\_13.pdf](http://www.nhfpi.org/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Letter_to_the_Senate_opposing_CACR_13.pdf)