

# **Resolution of Collier County GOP**

## **Supporting Tax Reform of the IRS Code**

### **RECITALS**

Whereas, on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 the Collier County Republican Executive Committee (“Collier County GOP”), with a quorum present, voted unanimously to approve the following Resolution on the Collier County GOP’s position on Tax Reform.

In Collier County, we pride ourselves on being a prosperous location. In fact, we were recently named the 3<sup>rd</sup> best place to start a business in Florida by Wallet Hub. However, the heavy burden of the complex and convoluted tax code weighs down our local businesses. By simplifying the code, we will be able to provide our community with a strong job market and an even stronger economy.

Small businesses make up the backbone of Collier County. On average, we boast 50 businesses for every 100 citizens in Naples. While this is an excellent statistic, it is important to recognize the potential for even more growth. Business tax rates soar as high as 40 percent, which is far higher than any other industrialized nation. As a result, companies have fled overseas.

Additionally, the code has not been updated in 30 years and the average small business spends more than 75 hours filing taxes. This is considerable time and money diverted from running a business, with no real or beneficial purpose. By setting fair rates and trimming down the excessive code, American businesses will have a better opportunity for growth, leading to a strong job market and an even stronger economy.

Republican lawmakers were elected on their promise to reform our tax code, so it is imperative to the future of the party that we accomplish this task as soon as possible.

We hear Congress must first pass a budget for the new fiscal year to enact tax reform, and we stand in support of your efforts to get both items accomplished this year. We are here to help and welcome an opportunity to meet in-person or speak over the phone about this critical issue.



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Chairman  
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