



Testimony of Paul Schwartz
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HB 845 – Income Tax – Individual Income Tax Credit
Eligibility Awareness Campaign

I am Paul Schwartz, State Legislation Chair for the National Active & Retired Federal Employees – NARFE.

I have testified before this committee on too many instances to keep track, but almost always I testified to seek a tax credit.

This time I testify in support of a bill, HB 845, which simply seeks to implement a campaign to identify and encourage individuals to apply for certain **already existing** tax credits for which they are **eligible** but failed, for whatever reason, to file for.

In other words, if eligible, it's their money we are looking to give them.

We consistently hear about how overly complicated our income tax system is and how we need to streamline it.

Here is an opportunity to help some individuals who may have become victim to that system.

We are very fortunate to have a Comptroller who is extremely capable, intelligent and, maybe more importantly, dedicated and committed to the citizens of this state.

Let's help her help those who need her help and give a favorable report for HB 845.