

Coffman Named "Taxpayer Hero"

(WASHINGTON) — Rep. Mike Coffman (R-Aurora) was honored today by the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste (CCAGW) with the "Taxpayer Hero" award for his record on fiscal responsibility in the first session of the 111th Congress. The CCAGW today released its 2009 Congressional Ratings, highlighting the voting records of all 535 members of Congress. Coffman earned a rating of 97 percent.

"I'm honored to be recognized by the Council for Citizens Against Government Waste for my commitment to fiscal responsibility," Coffman said. "I will continue to stand up for American taxpayers to reduce government waste, cut the ever-growing national debt and limit the size of government."

Since 1989, CCAGW has tracked roll call votes to separate the taxpayer advocates in Congress from those who vote in favor of wasteful programs and pork-barrel spending.

"Taxpayer Heroes demonstrated unparalleled commitment to cutting wasteful spending, reducing the tax burden, and making government more accountable to taxpayers," said CCAGW President Tom Schatz. "Their ratings are even more impressive given the record number of votes rated by CCAGW and the record number of representatives who could not vote even once to cut wasteful spending or taxes."

The Council for Citizens Against Government Waste is the lobbying arm of Citizens Against Government Waste, the nation's largest nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to eliminating waste, fraud, abuse, and mismanagement in government.

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