UTAH TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Your tax watchdog

Established in 1922, the Utah Taxpayers Association has protected Utahns from unnecessary tax hikes, government growth and wasteful spending for over a century.

The Utah Taxpayers Association is the *only* statewide, nonpartisan organization focused exclusively on promoting a fair, equitable and economically sound tax structure for all taxpayers.

Utah's economic outlook ranking has been #1 in the nation for 15 straight years because of the policies we advocate for at the state, city, county, school districts, and local district levels.

Join today to support our work to protect all taxpayers in the state of Utah.

CORE FUNCTIONS

The work of the Utah Taxpayers Association can be summarized in four core functions.

Connection

Our carefully curated connections with elected officials and key stakeholders provide the Utah Taxpayers Association with unparalleled access and influence, and information about potential changes to policy.

Analysis

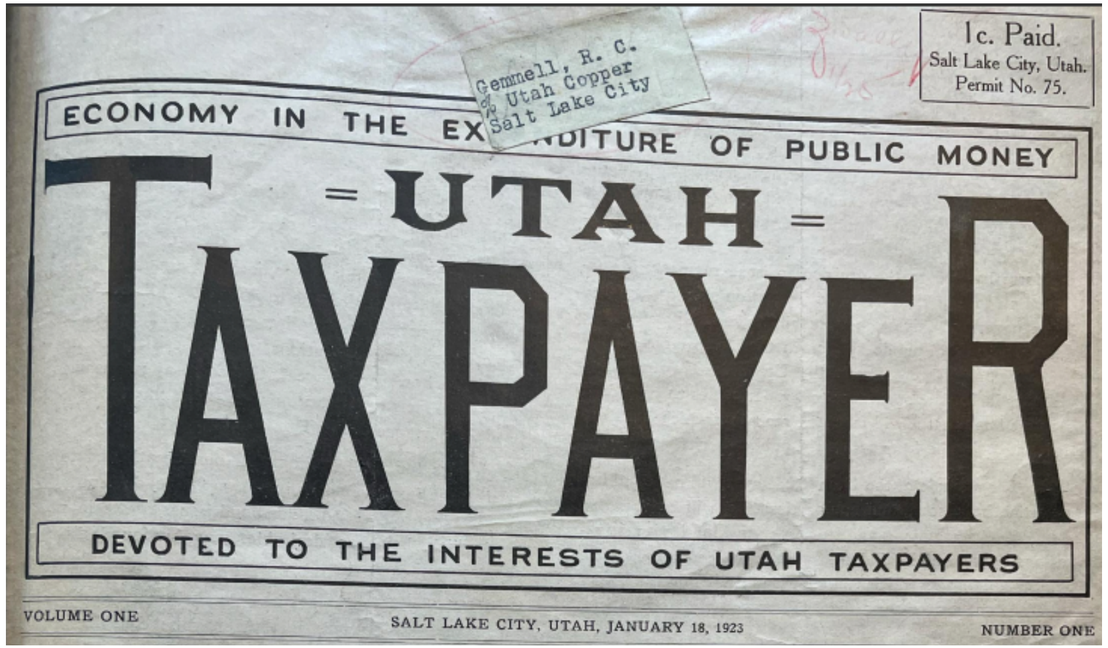
The Utah Taxpayers Association continually tracks issues that impact our members and all Utahns. Our annual reports analyze trends and changes in spending and tax policy and are valuable resources in developing new legislation.

Engagement

The Utah Taxpayers Association engages at the city, county and state level as well as working with school districts and local districts to protect taxpayers of all sizes.

Insight

Our 100-year history gives us expansive context and perspective on issues and their impacts. We bring experience and respect to any public policy discussion on taxes, economic development, and government spending.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PUBLICATIONS AND CONTENT

In addition to a monthly newsletter on local, state and national tax issues, the Utah Taxpayers Association produces several annual reports.

All content is published on our website and is available to the press for wider distribution.

School Tax and Spending Report

This expansive report compares the revenue and spending trends of the state's 31 school districts and charter schools collectively.

Cost of City and County Government

These reports review and compare local government collections and spending throughout the state and in recent history.

The Beehive Family Report

Published around the tax filing deadline, this report provides an analysis of the average Utah family's tax burden and tax distribution.

The Pork Barrel Report

Our newest report highlights significant spending increases, wasteful spending, and budgetary trends on a state level.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Staff attend committee meetings and are present at the Capitol during the legislative general session, special sessions, and interim day meetings. Legislators are acquainted with and actively seek out the Utah Taxpayers Association staff for expertise and input.

Legislative Watchlist

Our Legislative Watchlist tracks all tax related bills during the legislative session and is the most widely watched on the hill. The Association establishes a support, neutral, or oppose position on all tax related bills.

Legislative Scorecard

Published immediately after the General Session, our Legislative Scorecard ranks legislators' one and five-year voting records bills from our Watchlist. High priority bills are double-weighted.

Friend of the Taxpayer Award

Our annual Friend of the Taxpayer Award is the most sought-after award by legislators each year. The award is based on elected officials' record of voting for the benefit of taxpayers of Utah.

EVENTS

The Utah Taxpayers Association hosts four annual events, attended by elected officials and interested parties.

Legislative Outlook Conference

Held in January ahead of the General Session, this conference is headlined by the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President, alongside national and state tax experts.

Taxes Now Conference

Held in May, our Taxes Now conference offers a follow-up of the General Session, and features keynote speakers. Friend of the Taxpayer awards are presented to the winning legislators.

Teed Off on Taxes

Held in June, our golf tournament provides an opportunity to network with legislators and stakeholders in order to propose bill files for the upcoming session and suggest interim study topics.

Newly Elected Officials Training

Held after November elections, this training outlines the Association's priorities and key tenets of Utah's tax structure to local and state elected officials.

WORDS OF RECOMMENDATION

"The Utah Taxpayers Association is one of the most effective taxpayer advocacy groups in the nation."
Stephen Moore, Economist and Distinguished Fellow, Heritage Foundation

"Without the foresight and efforts of the Utah Taxpayers Association and free-market legislators, Utah would certainly not have ranked #1 in Economic Outlook for 14 years running, according to the Rich States Poor States report. The Utah Taxpayers Association's principles on simplifying, lowering, and creating a fair tax structure have helped Utah become the shining beacon for other states to mirror."
Jonathan Williams, Chief Economist and Executive Vice President for the American Legislative Exchange Council

"State policy is rarely developed without its input. The Utah Taxpayers Association is the most powerful business association in Utah"
Frank Pignanelli

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