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# National Taxpayers Union Vote Alert

**NTU urges all Members to oppose S. 852, the FAIR Act of 2005, and to sustain any budget points of order raised against S. 852 (including such a provision offered by Senator Ensign). Although the goal of resolving the backlog of asbestos-related lawsuits is a worthy one, the FAIR Act fails to adequately protect taxpayers from significant liabilities. Specifically, if the fund runs out of money (as many analysts say is likely), taxpayers could be significantly burdened by a situation similar to that of the black lung trust fund, only this time, hundreds of billions of dollars could be at stake.**

**Votes on this bill will be heavily weighted in our annual Rating of Congress.**

If you have any questions, please contact NTU Director of Government Affairs Paul Gessing at (703) 683-5700.

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