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Only 52 lawmakers attained scores sufficient to receive an 'A' and be dubbed friend of the taxpayer. Below you will find a list of those receiving an 'A' in the House:

Flake

Arizona

A

Franks

Arizona

A

Royce

California

A

Tancredo*

Colorado

A

Hensarling

Texas

A

Lamborn

Colorado

A

Shadegg

Arizona

A

Barrett

South Carolina

A

Sensenbrenner

Wisconsin

A

Paul*

Texas

A

Pence

Indiana

A

Jordan

Ohio

A

Blackburn

Tennessee

A

Westmoreland

Georgia

A

Deal

Georgia

A

Foxx

North Carolina

A

Johnson, S.

Texas

A

Campbell

California

A

Linder

Georgia

A

Garrett

New Jersey

A

Price

Georgia

A

Myrick

North Carolina

A

Pitts

Pennsylvania

A

Boehner

Ohio

A

McHenry

North Carolina

A

Sali

Idaho

A

Cantor

Virginia

A

Feeney

Florida

A

Duncan

Tennessee

A

Rohrabacher

California

A

Akin

Missouri

A

Miller

Florida

A

Cannon

Utah

A

Bachmann

Minnesota

A

Gingrey

Georgia

A

Issa

California

A

Wilson

South Carolina

A

Neugebauer

Texas

A

Ryan

Wisconsin

A

Burton

Indiana

A

King

Iowa

A

Chabot

Ohio

A