



Say **NO** to
Higher Taxes &
Special Interest Deals
VOTE NO ON PROP 1

Ballot Issue – Talking Points

- **Michigan Roads are a long neglected problem but the ballot proposal is an incredibly poor response.**

If approved by voters, it will cost Michigan taxpayers over \$2 billion dollars – EVERY SINGLE YEAR...FOREVER!

The ballot proposal is a 17% increase in the state income tax giving Michigan the 2nd highest state income tax in the country. This makes it more expensive to live, buy goods, and run or create a business in Michigan.

- **The road package transformed into a Christmas tree for special interests on December 19th**

*Special interest lobbyists held our roads hostage until they collected their “tolls” – over \$700m dollars per year. A total of 10 bills and a Joint Resolution was required to satisfy all the additional spending **IN ADDITION** to addressing the roads. We shouldn't be forced to increase the cost to fix our roads by \$700 m dollars in order to fix them. We can do better.*

The House version was “revenue neutral” – no tax increases. The Senate version was effectively a \$1.2b tax increase. The “compromise” we got was a \$2 billion dollar grab bag at the taxpayer expense. How does a “compromise” come out 58% higher than the highest proposal?

- **This is what happens when legislators have 7 hours to review a bill.**

Patrick Anderson already has uncovered \$102 million in tax increases that were derived by poor wording in the ballot language. How many other unintended consequences will come up from passing this poorly worded initiative?

- **What other things happen if this passes...**

The state is reworking how it assesses fuel taxes. Instead of charging a fee on every gallon of fuel sold, the state will be assessing a higher wholesale fuel tax based a rolling average price of fuel. Its rates can go up in the future but are prevented from being reduced from initial levels, adjusted for inflation.

The state will phase-out discounted registration fees for older vehicles. This is estimated to increase revenue by \$150 million over time. Registration fees on heavy trucks, which will raise another \$50 million, will also increase.

- **Don't take our word for it. Find out for yourself..**

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Go to <http://www.mackinac.org/20974>

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Go to <http://bit.ly/16HizAc>