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RE: I-1125's accountability is the only way to drive down transportation costs

In the old Soviet Union of the last century, central planners made all the decisions. The theory was that "the experts," unburdened by democracy, were best able to run the country. How'd that work out?

Here in America, it is we, the people, who have final say.

And when it comes to the government taking more of the people's money, our country was founded on the principle of no-taxation-without-representation. Empowering 7 unelected bureaucrats -- all handpicked political appointees by Governor Gregoire -- to unilaterally increase transportation taxes and tolls is not democracy. None of them are democratically elected and so they are not accountable to the people. Letting them take thousands of dollars out of already-stretched family budgets is, by definition, taxation-without-representation.

At a recent I-1125 debate, the Yakima Herald Republic's editorial page editor Frank Purdy raised this issue and asked I-1125's opponents directly: "What's wrong with democracy?" They snickered and awkwardly responded "Democracy is great, but ..." the Wall Street bankers want unelected bureaucrats to decide how high taxes and tolls should be. I'm sure they do.

But we're not supposed to have a government that is "of the bankers, by the bankers, and for the bankers," it is supposed to be of, by, and for the people.

Opponents of I-1125 defend their position by claiming democracy drives up the cost of projects. The opposite is true: I-1125's accountability is the only way to drive down project costs and keep transportation affordable for everyone. Why?

* Giving a blank check to unelected bureaucrats guarantees that project costs will never be controlled. What would happen if you handed a blank check to private contractors to renovate your house? They would have zero incentive to keep the costs down. Same thing with government, but it's actually worse because you can fire private contractors; unelected bureaucrats can't be.

* I-1125 prevents transportation taxes and tolls from being diverted to the general fund to pay for non-transportation purposes. I-1125 makes sure that government's "transportation money pot" doesn't have a hole in the bottom, *keeping projects' costs down*.

* I-1125 requires that tolls on a project pay for the project itself and not bicycle lanes, animal crossings, and other non-highway, non-project-specific expenses. These projects are astronomically expensive *even when the toll only pays for the project*. Imagine how much more these projects will cost -- and how much higher the tolls will have to be -- if the money gets diverted to the general fund and/or pays for Christmas tree ornaments add-ons.

* I-1125 prohibits never-ending tolls, reinstating our 100-year-old protection where tolls expire once a project is paid for. What incentive do they have to control costs if the money continues to roll in *forever*?

Taxpayers don't have bottomless wallets to pay for business-as-usual. And there will never be fundamental reform if we give the unelected bureaucrats a blank check.

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Thank you again for your continued support for our efforts on behalf of taxpayers.

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Thanks.

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