

Friday, November 4th, 2011

To: Our thousands of supporters throughout the state (cc'd to the media, house & senate members, and Governor)

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RE: Please make sure your family and friends vote for I-1125

With just a few days left in the campaign, please make sure your family and friends vote for I-1125. We encourage you to email, call, talk with everyone you know and encourage them to vote yes on I-1125. Make it clear to everyone **THAT THEIR VOTE COUNTS AND WE NEED THEIR VOTE FOR I-1125**.

I-1125 closes loopholes that Olympia put in last year's tougher-to-raise-taxes I-1053, reinforces existing laws and constitutional protections, and protects taxpayers by keeping tolls from becoming de facto taxes.

Check out this column -- it was published a few years ago but its' message is just as timely now as then:

Virgin: No checks, so Eyman offers voters balance

By Bill Virgin, Business columnist, Tacoma News Tribune

Newspaper columnists typically have in their repertoire a handful of familiar, favorite and trusted topics, a wellspring of pet causes, pet peeves, individual fascinations and recurring themes into which they can dip at timely moments.

Your business columnist is not above having such a reservoir: Economic development, outsourcing, the rise and fall of American brands.

And the occasional defense of Tim Eyman.

One of the remarkable aspects of the Tim Eyman saga is the broad spectrum of opposition from Washington's establishment he brings together whenever he ventures forth with another initiative. Business, labor, government leaders, education groups, nonprofits and media, to name but a few of the usual suspects, can be reliably counted upon to pummel whatever his latest initiative proposes, and to sum up their recurring criticisms – greedy, short-sighted, self-serving, uncaring about the poor/children/fill-in-blank, or worse – with a sort of all-purpose shorthand meme: TimEyman (pronounced as one word).

With that sort of power arrayed against him, it's a wonder Eyman didn't fade from the political scene years ago. Instead, when someone writes the political history of Washington over the last 20 years (and what a deadly dull tome that promises to be), Eyman is likely to emerge as the most significant figure of that era.

And why? Because no one seems to like him ... except the voters.

It's not that the electorate finds Eyman particularly charismatic, or that they like all or even a lot of the initiatives he proposes, or that they're great fans of initiatives as a way to run government. They've shown considerable willingness to pick and choose among his initiatives; a muddled proposal purporting to deal with traffic was soundly defeated last year.

Instead, Eyman derives his influence, signatures on petitions and votes for those of his proposals that do pass from a principle of government that even the least attentive of civics-class students have a passing familiarity with: Checks and balances.

The voters, seeing little check on the state's appetite for tax revenue or its fervor for spending, have turned to the only balance at their disposal.

That would be Eyman.

Ordinarily checks and balances are provided by opposing political parties. That system doesn't work in Washington because of the long-standing enfeeblement of Republicans as a political force (voters might not have much faith in Republicans anyway, since they've exhibited an appetite for pork at least as voracious as that of the Democrats).

Tim Eyman is, to borrow a phrase, the closest thing Washington has to a two-party system.

And it's a "party" with considerable clout, enough to make Gov. Chris Gregoire and legislative leaders tread carefully on the subject of taxes and spending, much to the irritation of their allies and backers. It's enough to hold at bay the constant call for tax-system "reform" in Washington, a cause which to the ears of many voters sounds suspiciously like "increase." ...

There's one more reason why ... win or lose on this one, Eyman will have sufficient public support to return to fight another day. As long as we're in an era of discussing all the nasty isms, let's deal with two more – classism and elitism.

When voters are lectured to about their foolishness in voting for Eyman initiatives, they catch more than a hint of their supposed betters lecturing the unwashed masses. The constant harping that a vote for Eyman is a vote against their own interests merely heightens the suspicion among those voters that whoever is looking out for them, it certainly isn't the Establishment.

Some votes for Eyman initiatives are votes endorsing the merits of the proposals. Others votes represent an opportunity to tweak the noses of the elite. Whatever the motivation, the combination makes for a potent electoral force that will continue to perplex the Establishment, will continue to influence debates on government in this state – and will continue to give at least one columnist a few more opportunities to reach into the quiver for a well-used but still useful arrow to load into the crossbow.

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Jack, Mike, and I are extremely grateful to all of you.

Every year, all of you work really hard to provide the voters with the opportunity to make Washington better.

By working together, we're all making a difference.

With I-1125, we know it's going to be close. Please email, call, and talk with everyone you know and encourage them to vote yes on I-1125.

If you like and appreciate our past, current, and future efforts on behalf of taxpayers, please send us a donation for \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000, \$2500, \$5000 or more (there are no limits on how much can be given). Please consider a monthly pledge from now through December for our fund. We ask you to please help us help taxpayers. You can go to our website -- www.VotersWantMoreChoices.com -- *sometimes this web link doesn't work so please cut and paste it if you have to, sorry for the extra step* -- and make a secure PayPal or VISA or MasterCard contribution -- OR, you can print out the form below, fill it out, and return it with a check or credit card information. Your voluntary contribution to our compensation fund will be divided between the three of us and compensate us for our political work.

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

As for our compensation fund, we would be extremely grateful for any financial assistance you can offer. Thanks.

Best Regards, Tim Eyman, Jack Fagan, & Mike Fagan, Fighting for Taxpayers for 15 Years, ph: 425-493-9127, email: tim_eyman@comcast.net, www.VotersWantMoreChoices.com (go to our website to do a secure donation by VISA/Mastercard/PayPal or print out the form below, fill it out, and return it with a check or money order or credit card information) -- *sometimes this web link doesn't work so please cut and paste it if you have to, sorry for the extra step* -- again, that website address is VotersWantMoreChoices dot com (all one word)

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