

Wednesday morning (6 am), November 9th, 2011

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

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RE: What we said last night ...

Before we knew last night's results (49.3% yes for I-1125, 65% against red-light cameras in Bellingham, 65% against red-light cameras in Monroe, 60% against red-light cameras in Longview, 60% of Seattle voters against higher car tab taxes, 60% against the state's monopoly selling liquor), I read the following statement to the assembled media at the Seattle Westin a few minutes after the polls closed.

As I woke up at 5:30 am this morning and I started typing this email update, I reread our statement. In my heart of hearts, I truly believe that what we said last night is just as true this morning -- here it is:

Whatever happens with I-1125 tonight, our initiative has already proven to be a tremendous success. Just getting 1125 on the ballot was a huge victory because it forced a healthy debate on politicians' plans for tolls. State and local governments were moving full steam ahead -- below the radar screen of regular citizens -- to impose tolls on highways, bridges, and roads throughout the Puget Sound region and beyond. Just the fact that 330,000 citizens signed 1125 petitions was a clear vote of no confidence -- that's six Mariner stadiums filled with people who are plainly distrustful of tolling. 1125 put the establishment on the hot seat, exposing their widespread tolling plans.

1125's campaign made tolls even more radioactive. That's a good thing.

1125 spotlighted Olympia's recent decisions to make tolls last forever, to have tolls pay for spending not allowed under our state Constitution's 18th Amendment, to toll I-90 to pay for 520, to allow tolls to be imposed by unelected bureaucrats, and to impose different tolls on different people at different times.

For 6 months, the people were provided with more information and politicians received more scrutiny -- that's a victory.

Government doesn't work when the citizens are spectators -- government only improves when the people challenge it to do better.

To all those who supported 1125 with your vote, you sent a clear message demanding accountability and transparency. To all those who did not give 1125 your vote, thank you for participating in this historic debate -- we will work even harder to earn your vote in the future. We continue to listen, learn, and persevere.

Regardless of the vote totals on 1125 tonight, we heard state and local government officials say that 1125's limits weren't necessary -- that they promised to go slow on tolling. It's clear that with or without 1125, politicians will have to proceed cautiously on tolling.

Interestingly, the 1125 campaign is a perfect metaphor for how outgunned the average taxpayer is in the process. Opponents to 1125 were led by the government itself and all the special interest groups, billionaires, and millionaires who control and feed off the government. They spent \$2.5 million. Our side raised and spent \$1.2 million, nearly all of it just to get on the ballot. So we weren't outspent 2 to 1, we were outspent 2.5 million to none. That same David versus Goliath disparity exists in the legislative process too, but at least with our initiatives, the average taxpayer has a fighting chance.

Thanks to the voters, our initiatives over the years have produced significant savings for Washington taxpayers -- over \$18 billion so far. But even more importantly, our initiatives' influence on state politics has been remarkable. Our supporters should be extremely proud of our collective accomplishments:

- There's much more scrutiny and accountability on tax and fee increases thanks to the voters overwhelming approval of last year's Initiative 1053
- Vehicle tabs dramatically lower
- Property tax increases are six times lower than they otherwise would be
- The State Auditor is conducting comprehensive performance audits of government
- And we've successfully beaten back repeated legislative assaults on the initiative process

Jack, Mike, and I are very pleased with our progress over the years. We've tackled some of the toughest issues possible and challenged politicians to do better. We have a growing group of thousands of heroic supporters

throughout the state who work super hard to make these efforts a success. By working together, we give voters more choices at the ballot box and give the average taxpayer an equal voice in the process.

But the tug-of-war over taxes continues with or without Initiative 1125.

Taxpayers all over Washington are counting on us to keep fighting for them – we won't let them down.

As for what we've got planned next, stay tuned.

We ask everyone to join us in thanking our thousands of supporters who collected the voter signatures and donated the dollars necessary to qualify 1125 for the ballot. Taxpayers appreciate your efforts and so do we.

Thousands of people sacrificed a lot to make Initiative 1125 a reality. Super supporter Kemper Freeman really stepped up the plate, I continue to carry a \$190,000 2nd mortgage on my home, and thousands of our supporters – 1761 total – donated generously to help 1125. Our supporters also contributed tens of thousands of volunteer hours gathering voter signatures to get 1125 on the ballot this year. It was a Herculean effort and all of you should feel very proud for the accomplishment.

Jack, Mike, and I are very proud of Initiative 1125 and pleased with the support it received. The campaign for 1125 has been a tremendous success that will provide huge benefits to the taxpayers for years to come. Thank you.

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Thank you for helping us with our pro-taxpayer efforts. We are very grateful for your support.

Jack, Mike, and I only earn what our supporters are willing to give. 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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NOW THAT WE'RE ON THE BALLOT, WE ASK THAT EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU SEND IN YOUR MOST GENEROUS CONTRIBUTION SO WE CAN CONTINUE OUR FIGHT ON BEHALF OF TAXPAYERS

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