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

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RE: Let's get real: Gregoire's 10% sales tax won't be temporary and it won't go to anything specific

Yesterday, Governor Gregoire said: *"I am being honest with people of the state of Washington. I am not misleading, misinforming, distorting or anything. I have tried to be as transparent as I possibly can."*

Methinks she doth protest too much. How can you tell when Gregoire is lying? When her lips are moving.

In 2004, candidate Gregoire promised not to raise taxes. Within months of being selected Governor, she broke that promise and raised a bunch of taxes. Voters responded in 2007 by passing our initiative -- I-960 -- to make it tougher to raise taxes by requiring 2/3 legislative approval or voter approval. In 2008, Gregoire promised, if re-elected, not to raise taxes. I-960's approval by voters made her keep her promise for 2 years. But in 2010 after I-960's 2-year anniversary, Gregoire again broke her promise and suspended I-960's 2/3 and unilaterally increased a slew of tax increases. How much? Because of Gregoire's 2010 tax hikes, taxpayers will be forced to pay \$6.7 billion in higher taxes over the next 10 years.

Nonetheless, Gregoire claimed yesterday that state government hasn't imposed a "big" tax increase since 1983 and so she's proposing taking the sales tax to 10% "temporarily" to pay for "education, health care, and public safety."

Right outta the gate, she's telling two lies.

It's a joke to believe Gregoire's sales tax increase will be temporary. No matter what happens to the state's economy, whether it gets better or gets worse, they'll find a way to unilaterally extend it. Government doesn't do temporary tax increases.

And naming certain programs that'll receive the money is a marketing tool -- it's not real. All money is fungible in Olympia -- they regularly raid dedicated accounts and shift money around. There are no protections that can survive the Legislature's creativity. They are masters of bait-and-switch budget games.

Voters need to know that Gregoire is proposing a permanent 10% sales tax that'll never go away for money the Legislature will spend any way it wants. Over the next 10 years, that's a \$5 billion blank check.

We cannot tax our way to prosperity, we cannot spend our way to prosperity, we cannot borrow our way to prosperity. The only way government revenues are going to increase is when the economy starts growing again. And that isn't going to happen with more taxes, more spending, and more borrowing.

Working with all of you, we've done 15 initiatives over the past 15 years. Some have passed, some have not, but each one put limits on governments' power. Help us keep fighting for taxpayers.

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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,

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