

Tuesday, April 10th, 2012

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

From: Tim Eyman, Jack Fagan, & Mike Fagan, initiative co-sponsors

RE: Our new initiative -- I-1185 -- protects and extends the 2/3's vote requirement for Olympia to raise taxes

Our statewide initiative for 2012 requires a 2/3's vote in the house and senate for any tax increase and a simple majority vote for any fee increase. That policy should sound familiar: that's what 64% of voters mandated with Initiative 1053 in 2010 (it passed everywhere except Seattle -- it was overwhelmingly approved in 44 of 49 legislative districts -- one district gave it 78% support: <http://www.VotersWantMoreChoices.com/1053results.pdf>).

But even though voters clearly want it, Olympia will not hesitate to gut it next year if they think they can get away with it.

I-1053's 2/3's was a phenomenal victory -- let's protect it and extend it with Initiative 1185. We can't trust Olympia without it.

Our 2012 initiative protects I-1053 from suffering the same fate that I-960 did. Here's what we mean: no matter how popular an initiative is, after two years, a simple majority of the Legislature can undermine it. That's exactly what happened with I-960 after voters approved it in 2007. After it passed, I-960 MADE TAX INCREASES AN ABSOLUTE LAST RESORT IN 2008 AND 2009, but during the 2010 legislative session, the Legislature suspended I-960's 2/3's requirement and immediately and radically jacked up a laundry list of taxes costing taxpayers \$6.7 billion over the next 10 years.

THINK ABOUT THAT: ONE LEGISLATIVE SESSION WITHOUT THE 2/3'S COST US \$6.7 BILLION.

We can't -- we won't -- we mustn't -- allow I-1053 to be abused like I-960 was.

We have learned our lesson: we must give the voters the opportunity to pass this initiative again or else the Legislature will gut I-1053 the way they did I-960. That's what we're fighting for in 2012.

The campaign for Initiative 1185 starts today. We are scrambling to raise the funds necessary to do our first post office mailing to everyone on our database to kick-off our campaign. Your financial support is really critical, ESPECIALLY THIS WEEK. Please donate so we can give everyone a chance to help. We have until early July to raise the funds and gather the signatures necessary to qualify the initiative for the November ballot.

Help us make this initiative a success (and help pay back Tim's leftover loan to I-1053 from a 2nd mortgage on his home). Please send us a donation for \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1000, \$2500, \$5000 or more (there are no limits on how much can be given). Please consider a monthly pledge. You can make a secure PayPal / VISA / MC contribution by going to our website -- www.VotersWantMoreChoices.com -- *sometimes clicking on this link doesn't work so please cut and paste it if you have to, sorry for the extra step* -- OR, you can print out the form below, fill it out, and return it with a check or credit card information.

This is the most effective counter-offensive to Olympia's tax-raising agenda. It's the right proposal for the right time. Help make it happen. FULL STEAM AHEAD!

Sincerely, Tim Eyman, Jack Fagan, & Mike Fagan, **Fighting for Taxpayers for 15 Years**, ph: 425-493-9127, email: tim_eyman@comcast.net

P.S. There are thousands of politicians, bureaucrats, lobbyists, and special interest groups working each and every day to raise your taxes. Shouldn't there be at least one person, one team, one organization that fights to lower your taxes? Please help us so we can continue our successful efforts on behalf of taxpayers.

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Thanks for protecting and extending I-1053's 2/3's - we can't trust Olympia without it. Here's my contribution for \$ _____

Please supply the information below so we can send you a thank you letter (it's really important to fill this out).

Your Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip, Phone # _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ Made payable to **Voters Want More Choices - Save the 2/3's**

Occupation _____ Employer & Employer zip code _____

VISA or M/C number _____ Exp. date (MM/YY) ____/____ Amt. \$ _____

CRITICAL: Email address (please print clearly) _____

Voluntary donations to "Voters Want More Choices - Save the 2/3's" are not tax-deductible. Voluntary donations to "Voters Want More Choices - Save the 2/3's" are political donations that will be used to qualify this critically important taxpayer protection initiative for the November ballot.