

Saturday, August 4th, 2012

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

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Warning issued to the Secretary of State: don't violate I-960

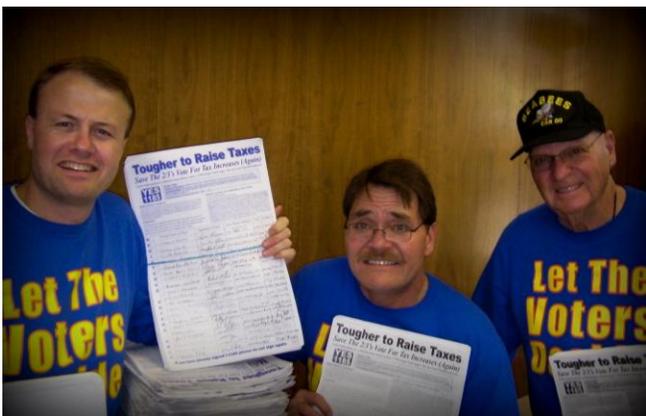
Irony alert: voter-approved I-960 was sponsored to get the legislature to follow the law when it came to raising taxes. This week, our attorney sent a letter to the Secretary of State telling him to follow the law when it comes to I-960.

Under I-960, when the legislature unilaterally imposes a tax increase and doesn't let the people vote on it, the people get a chance to learn how much that increase will cost (as calculated by the state's budget office) and how legislators voted on the bill and how to contact them. It also gives voters the opportunity to vote, telling legislators what they should do about the increase -- "Should this tax increase be: Repealed ___ Maintained ___". That information is to go on 2 pages of the voters pamphlet (1 page front-and-back and another page front-and-back).

Last week, the Attorney General determined that the legislature imposed 2 tax increases this year. I-960 specified what information goes in the voters pamphlet for "Advisory Vote of the People #1" (AV-1) and "Advisory Vote of the People #2" (AV-2). But on Wednesday, the Secretary of State's office sent out an email saying they were going to add other stuff (like the lengthy text of the bills) that needlessly complicates and unnecessarily inflates the costs.

Our attorney's Thursday letter makes it clear that unless they reverse course and follow I-960's requirements as written, we will file a legal challenge. It's a simple warning to the Secretary of State: don't violate the law.

From now on, thanks to the voters approving I-960 in 2007 (and I-1185 in November), we give legislators another reason to think twice about raising taxes: their legislative votes on tax increases will be published in the voters pamphlet and they'll know that their constituents will have the chance to second-guess their vote. This will prod legislators to think harder about what their constituents want before they cast their vote for a tax increase bill.



Jack, Mike, and I only ask for compensation after the signature drive is completed. Now that I-1185 has made it, please don't forget about us.

Jack, Mike, and I are extremely grateful for the folks who contribute to our compensation fund. We ask that you continue that support.

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 and make a secure on-line contribution by PayPal or VISA or MasterCard. OR, you can print [this form](#), 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.

Congratulations again on I-1185. As for our compensation fund, we would be extremely grateful for any financial assistance you can offer. Thanks!

Sincerely,

Tim Eyman, Jack Fagan, & Mike Fagan

Fighting for Taxpayers for 15 Years,

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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.

Each year, from January through June, we ask that you focus your donations toward the signature gathering campaign - this year, thanks to your help, we succeeded at qualifying I-1185 for the ballot.

Each year, from July through December, we ask that you focus your contributions toward "Help Us Help Taxpayers", the compensation fund for Jack, Mike, and Tim.

Now that I-1185 is assured a place on the November 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.