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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: Crazy high tax hikes proposed next year -- what does \$3.5 billion in higher taxes look like?

In newspaper stories and editorials in recent weeks, the number **\$3.5 billion** keeps popping up. That number is being touted as the total in tax increases needed to appease the state supreme court next year.

\$3.5 billion in tax hikes is completely nuts.

Just to put that number in perspective, the Legislature would need to increase our sales tax -- which is around 10% now -- to 13.5% to come up with \$3.5 billion in tax increases.

If they wanted to increase property taxes \$3.5 billion, they'd need to almost TRIPLE everyone's state property tax burden.

Are you getting the drift? \$3.5 billion is massive.

Another way to put that much in tax hikes in perspective, consider the 2010 legislative session.

The Democrats had super-majority control of the House and Senate. Gregoire was Governor. And they went hog wild, trying to increase every tax they possibly could. Their first order of business was suspending the 2/3 vote requirement for tax increases. Using and controlling all levers of government that year, they hit the high water mark and raised taxes roughly \$670 million per year (\$6.7 billion over 10 years).

The public repudiated them for it. The soda pop industry qualified and passed I-1107 and repealed a bunch of those increases. The voters rejected the left's state income tax initiative I-1098 with a 64% no vote. And voters reenacted the 2/3 requirement with our Initiative 1053 with 65% of the vote.

As Gregoire said later "3 strikes, you're out."

That was the public's reaction to \$670 million in higher taxes.

\$3.5 billion is nearly 5 times bigger than that.

Have you heard Jay Inslee lay out his plan to raise taxes \$3.5 billion? Have you heard a single house or senate candidate explain their proposal to increase taxes \$3.5 billion?

We haven't.

\$3.5 billion in higher taxes is the number being thrown around by the media but no one (except us) has even tried to put that number in perspective.

You can count on us to fight against next year's tax-hiking insanity. The voters' passage of our Initiative 1366 last year certainly shows that the people are in no mood for any tax hikes, let

alone increases totaling \$3.5 billion.

Petitions for "We Love Our Cars" I-869 have been sent out (if you need more, just email or call). Our polling shows it's another big winner. Please help us make it a reality.



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, \$1000, \$2500, \$5000 or more (there are no limits on how much can be given). You can go to our website right now - www.VotersWantMoreChoices.com and make a secure on-line contribution by PayPal or VISA or M/C. OR, you can print [this form](#), fill it out, and return it with a check or credit card information.

We've done so many amazing things over the past 17 years, but that's only been possible thanks to successful benefactors like you. We ask you to please help us help taxpayers.

Please donate TODAY.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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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.

"Nothing ventured, nothing gained." Benjamin Franklin