

# VOTERS WANT MORE CHOICES

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

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## **RE: 2/3-for-taxes rule by united MCC pre-empts Inslee's \$5 billion in tax increases**

Earlier this week, I shared the great news that the Senate Republicans and Independent Democrat Tim Sheldon - the Majority Coalition Caucus -- are united in passing a 2/3-for-any-tax-increase rule in January, shielding taxpayers from Inslee's tax-hiking schemes in the 2017 and 2018 legislative sessions.

Talk about perfect timing!

Because yesterday at a meeting in Olympia, Inslee and the tax-obsessed Democrats steamrolled over the Republicans on the committee. The result? Now, anything less than \$5 billion in tax increases will be reported as a "cut" and will be trumpeted as the Legislature falling short of complying with the supreme court.

Yesterday's legislation was *"adopted over the objections of Republican lawmakers on the council, who argued that a task force is still working to determine the actual amount that needs to be spent, and that the outlook shouldn't include estimates for policies that have not yet been enacted by the Legislature."*

The MCC's 2/3-for-any-tax-increase rule will negate this kind of bullying behavior by Inslee and the tax-obsessed Democrats.

Almost 2/3 of voters support the 2/3 rule and these 25 Senators need to leverage the public's support for their 2/3 rule or else they'll get steamrolled like they did yesterday.

There is zero public support for \$5 billion in tax increases. There's zero support for 3 1/2 billion or even a billion. It's clear the voters oppose any tax increase, based on this election and previous elections. And it's crazy to think there ever will be.

The unified support among the MCC members for the 2/3-for-any-tax-increase rule is critically important to the taxpayers of Washington. These 25 Senators need this rule to stand up for the 2/3 of voters who deserve representation during this session.

It's worth repeating the level of public support for the 2/3-for-any-tax-increase requirement in each of their districts:

Senator John Braun (R) - 75% voter support  
Senator Brian Dangel (R) - 75% voter support  
Senator Randi Becker (R) - 74% voter support

Senator Mike Padden (R) - 74% voter support  
Senator Pam Roach (R) - 73% voter support  
Senator Brad Hawkins (R) - 73% voter support  
Senator Judy Warnick (R) - 73% voter support  
Senator Sharon Brown (R) - 73% voter support  
Senator Maureen Walsh (R) - 72% voter support  
Senator Lynda Wilson (R) - 72% voter support  
Senator Ann Rivers (R) - 72% voter support  
Senator Kirk Pearson (R) - 72% voter support  
Senator Hans Zeiger (R) - 71% voter support  
Senator Joe Fain (R) - 70% voter support  
Senator Curtis King (R) - 70% voter support  
Senator Jan Angel (R) - 70% voter support  
Senator Mark Schoesler (R) - 70% voter support  
Senator Mark Miloscia (R) - 69% voter support  
Senator Tim Sheldon (D) - 69% voter support  
Senator Mike Baumgartner (R) - 68% voter support  
Senator Barbara Bailey (R) - 68% voter support  
Senator Jim Honeyford (R) - 68% voter support  
Senator Steve O'Ban (R) - 67% voter support  
Whoever replaces Senator Andy Hill (RIP) - 63% voter support  
Senator Doug Ericksen (R) - 61% voter support

During next year's legislative session, there will be a huge war over raising taxes. But it's clear from this election and previous elections that there is absolutely no public appetite for higher taxes.

You can count on us to keep fighting. We are committed to stopping the Democrats' 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](http://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*