



AMERICANS *for* TAX REFORM

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President

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Dear legislator,

In light of the upcoming special session to address transportation funding, I strongly urge you to reject all calls for higher taxes in the Commonwealth. Although state-wide tax increase proposals, including those in the governor's plan, present a looming threat to taxpayers, there is also significant danger in the movement to open the door to authorizing local governments to raise taxes.

The same governor who was elected into office saying we can't "tax and pave" the state out of transportation troubles is calling for nearly \$1.1 billion in higher taxes on Virginians, a massive tax hike plan that must be rejected outright. While his plan includes raising statewide tax increases, his proposal to raise sales taxes on Northern Virginia and Hampton Roads residents is equally egregious. **As a legislator, passing and even authorizing a local tax hike is an abdication of fiscal leadership and thus should be rejected with gusto.**

At a time when taxpayers struggle to pay their gas and food bills, raising taxes should not even be a topic of discussion. I encourage you to support meaningful reform and to turn to a combination of free-market solutions to meet transportation goals, rather than slapping a tax hike band-aid over the Commonwealth's transportation needs.

I urge you to consider your commitment to your hard-working constituents as you enter this month's special session. Taxpayers have already made clear their opposition to quick-fix transportation solutions. **I encourage you to reject higher taxes at all levels and prioritize state spending to meet your transportation needs first.**

Onward,

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