



AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM



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## INTERVIEW ALERT:

### Do Virginians Know What The Big-Taxers Want to Give Them?

Tax and budget issues have dominated Virginia politics since the New Year. The Senate and the House of Delegates have reached a stalemate, with the Senate pushing a \$2.4 billion tax increase and the House opposing all such general tax increases.

Now, the big-spending lobby – including schools, healthcare workers, and road construction companies – are complaining they can't plan because of the budget deadlock. They want to House to cave and pass tax increases.

**But what, exactly, are the tax increases they want to impose on Virginia?**

The proposed tax hikes are huge:

- **22% increase in the sales tax**
- **8.7% or more increase in the tax on small businesses and incomes**
- **Up to 2200% increase in tobacco taxes**
- **\$334 for every man, woman, and child in the Commonwealth – \$1336 for a family of four!**

Why do we need new spending?

- **If there is NO tax increase, the Virginia budget will grow by 11.6% over the biennium**
- **With the Senate tax increase, the budget will grow by 18%!**
- **Over the last 20 years, K-12 education funding has grown 9 times faster than enrollment**
- **Over the last 20 years, higher ed spending has grown 3 times faster than enrollment**

**What family could afford to grow its budget like this? And what family can afford the taxes to sustain such growth?**

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