



AMERICANS FOR TAX REFORM

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Stop the momentum for an ever-increasing tax hike! Call or write these wavering pro-tax delegates and tell them to reconsider!

As you know, Virginia is in the 99th day of a legislative session with no budget passed. The Senate originally wanted a \$4 billion tax hike, but the House resisted. Unfortunately, last week 17 House Republicans joined the Democrats and passed a “compromise” tax hike.

But that \$700 million + increase was not enough for the big spenders in the Senate. Senators are now trying to force the House to raise its offer.

Several of the 17 GOP delegates who voted for the tax increase are shocked that the Senate did not accept their compromise, and are said to be reconsidering their votes. If only three of the 17 decide to change their votes, the tax plan will fail when the Senate sends it back to the House.

Call or write to these delegates. Encourage them, IN A FRIENDLY WAY, to come back to the side of Virginia’s taxpayers, and to oppose new taxes. The 17 delegates are listed below:

Name		Capital Phone	District Phone
Bryant, L. Preston, Jr.	23rd R	(804) 698-1023	(434) 528-1097
Callahan, Vincent F., Jr.	34th R	(804) 698-1034	(703) 356-1925
Carrico, Charles W., Sr.	5th R	(804) 698-1005	(276) 773-9600
Dillard, James H., II	41st R	(804) 698-1041	(703) 323-9556
Fralin, William H., Jr.	17th R	(804) 698-1017	(540) 772-7600
Hurt, Robert	16th R	(804) 698-1016	(434) 432-4600
Ingram, Riley E.	62nd R	(804) 698-1062	(804) 458-9873
Jones, S. Chris	76th R	(804) 698-1076	(757) 483-6242
Marshall, Daniel W., III	14th R	(804) 698-1014	(434) 797-5861
Morgan, Harvey B.	98th R	(804) 698-1098	(804) 693-4750
Nutter, David A.	7th R	(804) 698-1007	(540) 382-7731
Oder, G. Glenn	94th R	(804) 698-1094	(757) 930-8683
Parrish, Harry J.	50th R	(804) 698-1050	(703) 367-0505
Reese, Gary A.	67th R	(804) 698-1067	(703) 476-4505
Rust, Thomas Davis	86th R	(804) 698-1086	(703) 437-9400
Scott, Edward T.	30th R	(804) 698-1030	(540) 825-6400
Tata, Robert	85th R	(804) 698-1085	(757) 340-3510

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 in the Senate 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!

The House “compromise” would:

- Raise the sales tax by 11%
- Raise the tobacco tax by 1200%
- Close many corporate tax “loopholes” raising the cost of everything they sell

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?

