

LEGISLATIVE ALERT

Reject the Wolf in Sheep's Clothing!

As early as today, you will be asked to approve SB 1978, a bill that contains elements that would undermine the best interests of Florida taxpayers and potentially threaten state economic growth.

As pointed out before, this legislation calls for a \$2 “surcharge” on rental cars in counties where international airports are located.

While any tax increase is dangerous because it takes money out of the private economy and productive use, some proponents of this legislation may tell you that a tax on tourists will not hurt the Florida economy.

To be clear, this so-called “surcharge” is nothing more than a wolf in sheep's clothing- it is a tax that punishes tourists who grease the gears of the state economy.

An amendment to this bill also threatens to reduce competition in the state. By allowing the state government to lease Alligator Alley with little to no opportunity for private companies to participate in a bidding process, the free market is in danger of being pushed aside. As a result, savings to Florida taxpayers may be lost.

At a time when the economic future is uncertain, it is imperative that legislators act with great care to protect the best interests of taxpayers. In order to ensure future growth of Florida's state economy, do not raise taxes.

Keep the tax burden low
and allow the free market process to flourish!