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## Tax Increase Proponents Sue Over Ballot Language

*Backers of Sales Tax Hike Sue State Because Description of Proposal is Too Honest*

WASHINGTON D.C. – Supporters of a sales tax increase that will appear on Arizona’s November ballot have filed suit against state officials over the description of the proposed tax hike. The measure in question, the Transportation and Infrastructure Moving Arizona’s Economy (TIME) initiative, will ask voters this November to approve a sales tax hike from 5.6 to 6.6 percent; a 17.8 percent increase in the state sales tax.

TIME attorneys filed suit to in Maricopa County Superior Court on Friday, challenging that the description of the initiative to be provided to voters is inaccurate. The disputed language that will be sent out to voters prior to the election describes the proposed 17.8 percent increase as a “17.8 percent increase.”

“Gov. Napolitano and the rest of her tax and spend crew know that they cannot honestly and truthfully tell voters what they want to do, because it will be shot down as it rightfully should be,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. “And this legal challenge is public admission of the need to mislead Arizonans in order to pass this odious proposal.”

Governor Napolitano has officially endorsed the TIME initiative. If approved, the tax hike would be allocated for various transportation projects. The description of the initiative was written and approved by a bipartisan council of state legislators and the secretary of state.

“The burden on Arizona taxpayers has increased exponentially throughout Napolitano administration. Population has increased only 14 percent in the last five years while the budget has grown a whopping 55 percent over same time period. These people have no business asking for more money” added Norquist. “Arizonans spent 186 days in 2007, well over half of the year, paying for the cost of their government. The TIME initiative would only serve to increase this already heavy burden at a time when families are facing record high food and gas prices”

Americans for Tax Reform is a non-partisan coalition of taxpayers and taxpayer groups who oppose all tax increases. For more information or to arrange an interview please contact John Kartch at (202) 785-0266 or by email at [jkartch@atr.org](mailto:jkartch@atr.org)

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