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Top 5 Reasons to Vote NO on the Minnesota Sales Tax Increase

Washington, D.C. – On November 4, Minnesotans will vote on a constitutional amendment to raise their state sales tax three-eighths of a percent to fund cultural arts special interest groups and environmental programs. Three-eighths may not sound like much, but it will hike the state sales tax to 6.875%, collecting a shocking \$11 billion from consumers that already pay the 6th highest sales tax in the nation.

The Top 5 Reasons to Vote No on the Sales Tax Increase

1. The sales tax hike will raid taxpayers' wallets for \$300 million a year, totaling upwards of \$11 billion over the next 25 years.
2. If passed, Minnesota consumers and businesses face \$1 billion in new taxes enacted in one year alone. Big government lawmakers already passed \$700 million in new taxes this year, including raising county level sales taxes and the state gas tax.
3. Revenue from the sales tax hike would go to special interest groups and programs that already have millions of dollars in reserves. The slush fund for arts and cultural heritage groups would increase to \$60 million per year under this tax hike. Additionally, the Environmental and Natural Resources Program already has a \$415 million cash balance and the Department of Natural Resources has a budget of \$1.5 billion.
4. With this tax increase, combined state and local sales taxes will climb to nearly 8% in parts of Minnesota.
5. The tax hike is a constitutional amendment that will bind taxpayers to funding special interest environmental and arts programs. By amending the constitution, it will be exceedingly difficult for legislators to ever remove or alter the tax.

“At a time of rising food and fuel costs, the last thing Minnesota consumers and taxpayers want to worry about is a higher sales tax,” said Grover Norquist, president of Americans for Tax Reform. “This attempt by special interest groups to take more from the pockets of Minnesota families and businesses should be met with steadfast opposition on November 4th.”

Vote NO on the Minnesota Sales Tax Increase on November 4th!

Americans for Tax Reform (ATR) 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.

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