



AMERICANS for TAX REFORM

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2008 Initiatives & Referenda

State	Initiative Name/Number	Description	Status	ATR Position
Arizona	Prop 105 Majority Rules	Requires that any initiative that would impose additional taxes or spending must garner approval from a majority of registered voters, as opposed to a majority of votes cast.	On ballot	Support
California	Prop 7	Requires all California utilities to procure at least half of their power from renewable resources by 2025. It is estimated that state administrative costs will jump by \$3.4 million each year, and result in higher rates for Californians if this measure is approved.	On ballot	Oppose
Colorado	Amendment 47 Right-To-Work	Prohibits forced unionization of workers and compulsory payment of dues. http://www.abettercolorado.com/	On ballot	Support
	Amendment 49 Ethical Standards for Public Payroll	Prohibits automatic deductions from government employees' paychecks for special interests and political purposes. http://www.cleangovernmentcolorado.com/	On ballot	Support
	Amendment 51	Increases the state sales tax by more than \$185 million.	On ballot	Oppose
	Amendment 56	Requires every business with as few as 20 employees provide gold plated health insurance to all employees. This measure would destroy Colorado small businesses and kill jobs.	On ballot	Oppose
Colorado	Amendment 58	This measure, supported by Gov. Ritter, would effectively raise severance taxes on energy companies doing business in CO through the elimination of a longstanding property tax deduction. If passed, CO residents can expect higher utility bills and a higher cost of living.	On ballot	Oppose

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	Amendment 59	This initiative would effectively put an end to TABOR in Colorado. If passed, CO residents will no longer receive refunds when government revenues grow faster than population and inflation.	On ballot	Oppose
Florida	Amendment 3	Exempts specified home improvements from consideration in property assessments.	On ballot	Support
	Amendment 6	Mandates that ad valorem taxation of waterfront property be based on current use.	On ballot	Support
	Amendment 8 Local Option Community College Funding	Requires that the legislature authorize counties to put local options sales tax measures before voters.	On ballot	Oppose
Maine	Referendum to Repeal the Dirigo Tax	This measure is a referendum to veto the Governor's \$100 million tax increase on alcohol, sugary drinks, and insurance claims. http://www.fedupwithtaxes.org/	On ballot	Support
Massachusetts	Question 1	Phases out of the state income tax over a two year period. http://www.smallgovernmentact.org/	On ballot	Support
Minnesota	Sales Tax Increase	This measure would increase the state sales tax by 3/8ths of a percent, resulting in a \$300 million annual sales tax increase.	On ballot	Oppose

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Missouri	Prop A	Increases the state tax paid by casinos to 21 percent and institutes at \$2/vistor casino entry fee. Furthermore, this measure puts a limit on future construction of casinos in Missouri.	On ballot	Oppose
	Prop C	Mandates that 15% of the state's electricity consumption be generated from renewable energy resources by 2012.	On ballot	Oppose
Nevada	Question 2	Prevents a government agency from using eminent domain to take private property and selling to private entity.	On ballot	Support
North Dakota	Measure 2	Cuts personal income tax in half and reduces the corporate income tax by 15%.	On ballot	Support
Oklahoma	Question 735	Provides a property tax exemption for disabled veterans.	On ballot	Support
	State Question No. 741	Prohibits individuals and businesses from applying for any property tax exemptions granted in a previous year.	On ballot	Oppose
Oregon	Measure 59	Permits federal income tax deduction from state taxes.	On ballot	Support
	Measure 64	This measure would prohibit automatic payroll deductions from government employees' paychecks for special interests (i.e. unions).	On ballot	Support
South Dakota	Term Limit Repeal	Eliminates term limits for state legislators	On ballot	Oppose

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