

# SAVE THE 2/3's VOTE FOR TAX INCREASES

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**Our initiative is the most effective counter-offensive to Gregoire's 2010 tax-hiking agenda**  
*Struggling taxpayers and our state's fragile economy can't withstand higher taxes*

Dear Fellow Taxpayer:

In December, the Associated Press reported: "*Top Democrats say it's virtually certain they'll suspend the two-thirds requirement for raising taxes.*" To tax or not to tax, that's the question that defines the 2010 legislative session.

Voters answered that question JUST TWO YEARS AGO when they approved Initiative 960 requiring 2/3's legislative approval for tax increases (thanks to our thousands of supporters who donated the dollars and collected the signatures that put it on the ballot). At the time, Gregoire said "*the extra handcuffs weren't needed*" but voters approved it anyway. And it's a good thing they did, given Gregoire's ongoing push for higher taxes, especially a state income tax.

**The voters' decision paid off: no taxes were raised in 2008 and 2009, saving struggling taxpayers and our fragile economy from billions of dollars in recession-extending tax hikes.**

But now, with Gregoire and the Democrats under strict orders to raise taxes or else their Big Labor backers will stop bribing them, they've made clear that raising taxes is their top legislative priority (STATE DEMOCRATS FACING REVOLT BY LABOR, SEATTLE TIMES, 11/11/2009).

The greatest threat – to struggling taxpayers, our fragile economy, and job-producing, tax-generating businesses – is Gregoire's tax-hiking agenda. The 2/3's vote requirement for tax increases is the only thing standing in her way so that's why she wants to get rid of it.

**Our 2010 initiative: Save The 2/3's Vote For Tax Increases.**

Government is the most dangerous when they don't think the people are watching. Our initiative this year puts a very bright spotlight on Gregoire's tax-hiking agenda and her scheme to jettison the 2/3's requirement. With enough "people pressure" from this initiative, we are hopeful that her legislative assault on the 2/3's vote requirement can be thwarted. **But because Gregoire is likely to succumb to Big Labor's bribery and threats, we are pushing this initiative to give the voters the opportunity to reinstate the 2/3's vote requirement at the ballot box in November, 2010.**

There is broad support for keeping the 2/3's vote requirement for tax increases – Gregoire and the Democrats shouldn't take it away. Raising taxes will only kick the taxpayers when they're down and extend the recession. Gregoire and the Democrats made this mess – they need to clean it up themselves with *existing revenue* and not make it worse by raising taxes.

Our expanded team of co-sponsors (see below) filed this initiative on January 11th. Based on our experience, petitions will be printed and ready to send to everyone by mid-February (if you received this letter, you'll automatically be sent a petition). We have until June to raise the funds and collect 300,000 signatures. It is a huge challenge. **But we've had 12 years of invaluable experience learning what works and what doesn't. With your help, we can do this.**

To get this critical campaign started, we need your financial commitment to ensure the success of this initiative. Please fill out the form below TODAY and send us a donation of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000 or more (there are no limits on the amount that can be given) to our Spokane offices. Or, you can do a SECURE donation online - [www.VotersWantMoreChoices.com](http://www.VotersWantMoreChoices.com) - we accept VISA/MC/PAYPAL. Please send in your most generous donation RIGHT NOW.

**It's going to be a huge challenge getting on the ballot. But we will succeed if each of you makes a solid commitment to help. Donate tens of dollars, hundreds of dollars, thousands of dollars. Collect tens of signatures, hundreds of signatures, thousands of signatures. Our expanded team of co-sponsors have committed to making it a reality. The rest is up to you.**

Will you help us make this happen? Let us know what you think. FULL STEAM AHEAD!

Here's our expanded team of co-sponsors for this year's taxpayer protection initiative:

**Jack Fagan, Mike Fagan, & Tim Eyman** *"We will fight to preserve the voters' decision on I-960"*

**Mike Dunmire**, retired investor, Woodinville *"Lots of people worked really hard to resurrect the two-thirds requirement for taxes with I-960 and it's maddening that the Governor is setting us up to get rid of it. I'm proud to co-sponsor this initiative and will do what I can to make it a reality."*

**Erma Turner**, Erma's Clip & Curl, Cle Elum *"If they take away our 2/3's, we'll bring it right back"*

**Senator Don Benton** from Vancouver *"It is galling for there to be talk of a suspension of the two-thirds vote requirement of I-960 so soon after the people made their decision."*

**Senator Janea Holmquist** from Moses Lake *"It is an honor to co-sponsor this important initiative - I worked super hard to use I-960's tools to protect taxpayers in 2008 and 2009 - it needs to stay."*

**Dagny Lord** from Sequim *"I'm pleased and honored to be a co-sponsor of this year's initiative -- I wish that Olympia simply abided by voter-approved I-960 making this initiative unnecessary ... but I'm not so naïve to believe that's what they'll do."*

**Nancy Nelson**, retired nurse from Sedro-Woolley *"I am furious to hear politicians saying they're going to ignore the will of the people by suspending I-960 which was all about fiscal responsibility -- we just voted for it and we need it now more than ever!!"*

**Keli Carender**, Math teacher from Seattle *"I am excited to co-sponsor an initiative that forces the state government to collect and spend our tax dollars wisely, in a fiscally responsible manner."*

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