

## HUGE SALES TAX IS BOONDOGGLE BONANZA

On any tax increase, start with the math. \$767 MILLION YEARLY times TWENTY years is over \$15.3 BILLION in higher taxes. Of course, later year taxes take more than the first-year promise. At 4% yearly growth, the yearly tax in 2038 ALONE is close to \$1.63 BILLION---\$900 MILLION more than the first year tax amount “promised.” 20 times the tenth year mid-point average would cost c. \$22 BILLION over 20 years. Even for seven million people (2% yearly compound growth), that would equal \$3,142 per person in taxes, or \$12,600 for an average family of four.

Take off 20% for phantom tourist sales, and it still costs your family \$10,000. Prices of all goods and services would rise as business recaptures its own taxes from its consumers. Is that total cost and inflation OK with you? Of course not.

Next, its \$6 BILLION in new debt has a repayment cost of \$9.4 BILLION; \$3.4 BILLION in interest builds no roads. \$22 BILLION in new taxes to borrow \$6 BILLION repaid by \$9.4 BILLION is a deal no family would voluntarily choose.

Their text filed with the secretary of state is 21 pages. It leaves unstated the exact roads to be built or repaired and their individual cost. 45% is spent for state “safety, maintenance, and congestion projects.” That is bureaucratic jargon—mush. 40% goes to cities and counties with no control—a blank check. 15% goes to bike paths and bus lanes. Think. 15% of the tax benefits the 1% who ride bikes and buses. Bike lanes mean narrower roads and more injuries. Social engineering makes you change your life style. It redistributes your wealth to benefit others.

Read the ballot title. IT DOES NOT ONCE MENTION THE WORD “ROADS.” AMAZING! Why raise STATE taxes to give money to cities and counties? Total sales tax will exceed 9% in many cities. Higher taxes kill our new business appeal.

A state tax increase cannot change local spending limits without local consent. That is illegal.

Sales taxes are regressive, meaning they hit low-income families and senior citizens the hardest. They are also not tax deductible on your income tax.

Propositions 109 and 110 suffer from the same legal problem. THEY VIOLATE THE STATE CONSTITUTION. In October’s battle in the U.S. Senate for the Supreme Court seat, Kavanaugh promised to obey the U. S. Constitution “as written.” Well, our original state constitution still says in Article XI, sections 3, 4,

and 5 STATE DEBT IS ILLEGAL (except up to \$100,000 to build state buildings). That amount wouldn't build a rest room in a park today. No debt means no debt.

The start of TABOR specifically says it did not legalize prohibited debt, even with a vote. Doing so requires another constitutional amendment. That's never happened.

Had #109 or #110 simply moved to state roads \$300 million, or 1%, yearly of our \$30 BILLION state budget (growing over ONE BILLION YEARLY with no new tax or debt), we would all support that change in priorities. But politicians refuse to spend money on what the people want; our money goes to special interests.

25% of citizens are now on Medicaid handouts. We pay "impoverished" doctors and add waste and fraud. Politicians tell us basics, like roads, cost extra, to "force" us to vote for higher taxes and debt. Don't surrender; kick the bums out of office! The basics must come first.

Look at campaign donations to pass #110 ([sos.state.co.us](http://sos.state.co.us)). The biggest gifts come from construction companies that want part of this \$22 BILLION TAX. "Colorado Construction Industry" gave \$1.6 MILLION, Kiewit Infrastructure gave \$150,000, and Associated General Contractors gave \$125,000. This state tax will be spent in Denver, shown by donations of Downtown Denver Partnership (\$100,000), Denver Chamber of Commerce (\$250,000), and Visit Denver (\$100,000). The National Association of Realtors in Chicago gave \$354,000. Why?

Debt is slavery. The bond dealers, who get commissions by selling debt, gave \$25,000 to enslave you. What do you think "bondage" means? Amendment "A" on the ballot ends slavery in Colorado; why would you vote to bring it back?

Once they get their foot in the door and we are "hooked," government will say the tax must be permanent to avoid "cuts" and "layoffs" that will "sink our economy."

As of October 1, donations are over \$5 million. That's a pittance compared to the \$22 BILLION they hope to collect in government contracts. The ratio is 4,400-to-1. For every dollar they spend, they expect to get back \$4,400. Only in the corrupt world of politics can you get that kind of "return" on your "investment."

We must force state politicians to make roads a higher priority without raising taxes or debt, or paying billions in useless interest costs. To stick innocent children with this price tag is fiscal child abuse. Their illegal debt also trashes "the rule of law" that was at the heart of the Kavanaugh travesty. Vote "NO" on 109 and 110.