

Sales Tax Referendum: “First, Do No Harm”
(Please Don’t Risk Making Your Constituent’s Lives Harder)

Who spends the money that you work hard to earn better . . . you or government?

If you spend your money better, why are tax-borrow-and-spend-more politicians proposing to abdicate their responsibility/duty (to make decisions which they are paid to make) and exposing citizens to \$13-15,000,000 per year more in county sales tax on essential goods like gas at the pump, baby diapers, clothing, eye glasses, home supplies, and much, much more?

County taxpayers rely on you, as their county board member to protect them from financial insecurity. Politicians are saying that they need your money more than you need your money.

Reasons to vote “No” on placing a sales tax referendum on the November 8 ballot.

1. Kane County has \$440,000,000 in bank savings reserves. . . almost two years worth of their annual budget. . . how much do your constituent families have in savings for medical emergencies, necessary home repairs, college education, retirement, etc.? Your residents can’t tax their way out of problems. **Why Now?**
2. Your constituents are already struggling against 9% inflation, recession, Illinois recent doubling of gas tax, rising credit card interest rates, skyrocketing property taxes, and more. . . please stop making their lives even harder!
3. In a democratic republic, it’s your paid job and elected duty to do adequate research, listen to debate, concentrate, be smart, and use good judgement making tax policy decisions, so that your constituents can focus on keeping their jobs, raising their families, and running their lives. It’s lazy to punt the decision, “We’ll just let the people decide.”
4. The **Regressive Tax** hurts all of your constituents, but hits the working middle and low-income families the hardest! It should insult your intelligence that placing the \$13-15,000,000 per year sales tax referendum is being inappropriately sold to you as a “luxury tax” on rich out-of-county shoppers, rather than accurately depicting that the money comes from taxing gas, groceries, clothing, home supplies, baby diapers, and thousands of everyday essential merchandise . . . and all of this on top of 9% crippling inflation?
5. Cynical Republicans wannabe strategists whisper that this will drive desperate taxpayers to the polls to vote for them. However, it’s obvious that tax-seeking Democrats are much more politically-clever than fiscally-conservative Republicans, Democrats and Independents, since they control majorities in every legislative and executive branch of government at the county, state, and national level. Please don’t try to influence turnout by either “scaring” or “incentiving” voters.
6. Please recognize the pattern: the current Democrat-controlled Kane County Board and its Chairman tried to increase the gas tax, then increase cost-of-living (15% over three years) property taxes, and now \$13-15,000,000 in a sales tax increase. They probe and press until you capitulate.

They want more money based on “doomsday” projections that don’t reflect substantial annual increases in state income and sales tax revenues . . . yearly growth in county taxes and fees. . . nor existing huge saving reserves. Look at the annual year-end surpluses.

And, you have been misinformed (a polite word for “lied to” about the sales tax not applying to gas at the pump. (See Illinois Department of Revenue Tax Matrix – ID #1055) (55ILCS 5/5-1006.5)

Lots of Things Gotta Be Taxed To Get \$13-15,000,000 . . . Hurts All Your Constituents
(See Illinois Department of Revenue Sales Tax Matrix)

Motor Fuel (ID #1055)

Fuel Oil, Bio diesel, biofuel (ID #1064)

Candy (ID #1003)

Baby Diapers (ID #1016)

Adult Diapers (ID #1017)

Food consumed on Premises (ID #1002.1)

Soft Drinks (ID #1004)

Wine/Alcoholic Beverages (ID #1008)

Grooming and Hygiene Products (ID #1020)

Includes deodorants, shampoo, shaving cream, contact lens solutions . . .

Computer Software (ID #1031)

Includes canned software

Florists (ID #1037.1)

Pets (ID #1038) including dogs, cats, birds, fish

Optometrists: Eye glasses (ID #1041)

Thermometers, pencils, pens, rulers, mirrors, silverware, notebooks, diaries, baby books, wallets, toys, watches, calendars, dishes, handkerchiefs (ID # 1043)

Prepaid telephone calling cards (ID #1045)

Photographs and photoprocessing, i.e. "Tax is collected on the entire bill" (ID #1048)

Clothing (ID #1053)

Cigarettes, cigars, other tobacco (ID #1056/1057)

Paper plates, cups, napkins, towels, straws, toilet paper (ID #1059)

Feeds for livestock, poultry, horses, etc (ID #1065)

Floor Coverings (ID #1067)

Books, sheet music, CD's, and other media (ID #1068)

Seeds and Fertilizers...not for resale (ID #1072)

Curtains, blinds, awnings, storm doors, machinery tools, special orders (ID #1073)

Memorial stone and monuments (grave stones) (ID #1076) . . . and many more.