

C-05-2018: The Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act

**Arguments Submitted “For” C-05-2018**

Please vote YES on Proposition XXX, the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act to protect Arizona families from potential unwanted taxes on services. The Act will amend the Arizona Constitution to protect taxpayers from state and local governments imposing any new sales tax or use tax on services. The Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act is designed to prohibit the state from implementing a new sales tax on services that Arizonans use every day.

Here are a few examples of services that could be taxed:

- Family services: childcare, health care, self-defense instruction and tutoring.
- Personal services: haircuts, manicures, tattoos, dry cleaning, car repairs and funerals.
- Professional services: banking, accounting, advertising, technical installations and real estate.
- Health care services: physicians, surgeons, nurses, physical therapists, dentists, eye doctors and counselors.
- Home services: construction, plumbing, lawn care, heating and air conditioning, installations and repairs, appraisals and inspections.

Sales taxes hit low-and middle-income families hardest. The Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act protects those who are least able to afford new taxes, including senior citizens, the disabled and others on fixed incomes.

A new sales tax on services was recently proposed in the Arizona Legislature. Just this year the state of Illinois has discussed taxing services. Other states, such as North Carolina, Washington, and Oklahoma have started imposing new sales taxes on services this year. The threat is real because politicians often share bad ideas, and a sales tax on services is a bad idea for all Arizonans.

Please join me and vote YES on Proposition XXX the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act.

**Holly Mabery, Chair, Citizens for Fair Tax Policy**  
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PROTECT FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES FROM A HUGE NEW SERVICE TAX: IT'S GOOD FOR OUR ECONOMY

As Treasurer of the Citizens for Fair Tax Policy Committee, I ask all Arizonans to vote YES for Proposition XXX, a cause we can all support, “Protecting our families and businesses from a potentially huge and unnecessary new tax burden.”

Arizona does not currently impose a broad sales tax on services. Because the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act would protect Arizona from imposing future sales taxes on services, there would not be any financial impact on governments because they do not collect such a tax. The Protect

Arizona Taxpayers Act is revenue-neutral. A constitutional amendment adds certainty that future Arizona politicians and bureaucrats cannot take the easy way out & simply change or interpret the law to allow sales taxes on services.

Protecting families and businesses from a huge new service tax is good for Arizonans and for our economy. We are proud to support this cause because we sincerely believe the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Initiative is the right thing for you and for your family. Please join us in voting YES on Proposition XXX to protect our communities from new service taxes.

**Kent Simpson, Treasurer, Citizens for Fair Tax Policy, Tucson**

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Vote YES on Proposition XXX. The Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act would provide critical protection to Arizona working families. Childcare is one of the most important and largest expenses parents face. A service tax would increase the cost of childcare adding an unfair burden on working families. This initiative will make it possible for parents across the state to rest easy knowing there is one less cost to worry about.

**James Emch, CEO, Valley Child Care and Learning Centers, Phoenix**  
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Vote yes on Proposition XXX to protect responsible pet owners from being unfairly punished by a potential new service tax. As a veterinarian, I provide a service of caring for the needs of my customer's pets. A puppy or kitten, or a dog or cat, is a big part of a family. When our customers walk through our doors we treat that pet in the best way possible. Pet owners care for the health and wellbeing of their animals by bringing them in for regular veterinary visits, vaccinations, grooming and other healthcare needs. For many families it is a struggle to pay for these critical services, so I do not want to have to charge my customers an additional 10% as a new tax. However, the threat of a new tax on veterinary services is looming on the horizon. I urge you to vote yes for Proposition XXX because I do not think it is fair to charge my clients an extra service tax on veterinary care. If a new service tax were passed, it could have a very negative impact on all pet owners that care for their pets. I don't think punishing responsible pet owners is a good policy and that is why I think we should all support the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act. Please vote Yes on Proposition XXX to ensure veterinary visits are not taxed.

**Wayne Anderson, CEO, AZPetVet, Phoenix**  
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The Arizona Retailers Association encourages all Arizonans to vote YES on Proposition XXX, the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act.

The Arizona Retailers Association has been protecting the business interests of retailers throughout the state of Arizona for over 50 years. With a focus on results, ARA provides its membership with a constant and vigilant eye on legislative and new business regulations. The

Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act is right for Arizonans and right for Arizona businesses. We already pay our fair share of taxes and Proposition XXX would protect all of us from an additional burdensome tax.

We support protecting Arizona businesses, entrepreneurs and measures that safeguard our local economy from bad economic policies. That is why we encourage all Arizona voters to vote in support of the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act.

Vote YES on Proposition XXX.

**Michelle Ahlmer, Executive Director, Arizona Retailers Association, Mesa**  
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I encourage all taxpayers to vote YES on Proposition XXX in support of the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act.

Arizona has always been a land of liberty and opportunity for all Americans. Arizona continues to grow by leaps and bounds. Part of the reason Arizona has attracted so many people from all over the United States and around the world is due in large part to the business-friendly economic environment and the relatively low cost of living. Low taxation has allowed Arizona to maintain a competitive advantage over other states, creating more job opportunities for individuals and has thus, allowed Arizonans to thrive and prosper.

Preventing new service taxes from being implemented would only foster an even more thriving environment for all Arizonans today and for future generations to come. Passing the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act is a move by everyday Arizonans to secure our legacy as being a land of liberty and opportunity for all.

Vote YES on Proposition XXX!

**Eric Gibbs, Marana**  
*Sponsored by Citizens for Fair Tax Policy*

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I ask all Arizonans to vote YES on Proposition XXX the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act.

I am a small business owner, a hairdresser, and a tax payer. I support this proposition because a service tax is tax that can be placed on small businesses. As a small business owner, I do not want to see my customers having to pay more than what is fair for a quality haircut. As a professional hairdresser, I do not think that I should be taxed solely based on the service I provide customers. Politicians may see me as an easy target because I provide a valuable service for people and everyone needs a haircut, but it's just not right to tax people for doing their jobs.

I think that politicians are always trying to find new ways to tax honest, hard-working citizens. We should not add new taxes for getting a haircut, going to the doctor, getting your car fixed or

even taking your pet to the veterinarian. This amendment will protect all of us from a potentially huge new tax burden.

Please join me in protecting Arizona families from a potentially new huge tax burden, vote YES on Proposition XXX, the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act.

**Tammie Neary, Owner, Beauty Bungalow, Phoenix**  
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VOTE YES on Prop XXX the “Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act” citizen’s initiative because:

Service taxes are regressive and thus, higher for lower income households. A service tax makes Arizona less appealing for commercial recruitment by big companies because of the higher costs associated with this sort of tax. As an example, the state of Washington recently passed a new service sales tax and big companies are already leaving. Amazon stopped construction of a new headquarters and has instead opted for Arizona because we do not currently have service taxes. A service tax would reduce not only the amount of companies wanting to relocate here but would also cause large companies to want to move away from Arizona as well; taking their jobs with them.

Pass the only protection that we have against new taxes. Vote in support of the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act. Let’s keep good businesses in Arizona and keep attracting new dynamic companies with our low tax economic environment.

Please vote “Yes” on Prop XXX, the “Protect Arizona Taxpayers” citizen’s initiative.

**Lori Doerfler, President, Arizona Association of REALTORS, Lake Havasu**  
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Please Vote Yes on Proposition XXX to keep Arizona’s economic momentum. Arizona has a dynamic and growing economic environment. A service tax would only hurt our current thriving economic eco-system. Preventing a service tax from coming to fruition is a step we can take as voters to protect our prosperous economy.

A national report ranked Arizona in the top five states for economic momentum, according to the Federal Funds Information for States. Source: From Arizona Republic article (Arizona ranks No. 5 for economic momentum, report says. April 4, 2018) Arizona continues to grow economically by leaps and bounds. This is not by mistake. Arizona’s business friendly environment produces jobs by attracting companies that would otherwise stay in other tax heavy states. Arizona should continue to grow, and we can ensure it does by voting in support of the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act.

Vote YES on Proposition XXX because The Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act will truly protect Arizona’s business friendly reputation and help our state continue to grow economically.

**D. Patrick Lewis, Scottsdale**  
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Please vote YES on Proposition XXX on behalf of working families all over Arizona.

Service taxes negatively affect working families. It is almost impossible for families not to use services such as haircuts, doctor visits, car repairs, etc. Families are currently over taxed and overly burdened as it is. It is not right for a new tax to be saddled on the backs of honest and hardworking people. A new service tax could cost families hundreds and even thousands of dollars every single year! Let's support our working families by voting for the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act.

Vote YES on Proposition XXX.

**Jan Leighton, Peoria**  
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A "Yes" vote on Proposition XXX, the "Protect Arizona Taxpayers" citizen's initiative, will protect you and your family from a new tax. A NEW TAX on every "service" that you use! Lawn care, babysitters, hair salons, nail salons, mechanics...the list could go on and on. The only thing certain is that is that government only wants your money. So don't allow a new tax to be levied on us! The real answer is responsible spending, not more taxes. When governments fail to live within their means, they typically try demanding more money from their citizens. Overspending governments should not be allowed to reach into our pockets and steal our hard-earned money. New taxes will only depress our economy and add unneeded strain on everyone on a daily basis.

Vote YES to approve Prop XXX and tell government to stop wasteful spending!

**Craig Sanford, Phoenix**  
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Vote Yes on Proposition XXX because taxing services is a bad idea. Taxing services hurts people of low to moderate incomes as well as people on fixed incomes the most. Making the most vulnerable in our society front the cost for new taxes is wrong and unfair. At a time when the cost of living is at an all-time high, we need to come up with better solutions to our problems then taxing the poor.

Politicians would like to fund new and wasteful government programs using hard earned taxpayer dollars. However, the best way they can represent us is not by taxing us more but by being good stewards of our money and letting us keep as much of it in our pockets as possible.

We all have bills to pay and everything costs money. Join me in sending a message to politicians, “represent me by letting me keep my money!”

Vote Yes to protect Arizona’s most vulnerable communities. Vote yes on Proposition XXX.

**Paula Serven, Scottsdale**  
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Vote Yes on Proposition XXX. Protect Arizona families from a potentially huge new tax burden. The Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act is a constitutional amendment to the Arizona constitution to ensure that no new service taxes are ever implemented in the State of Arizona. A yes vote will safeguard taxpayers from all around the state of Arizona.

Voting Yes on Proposition XXX is a preemptive move by taxpaying voters to do what politicians always promise, but never deliver on... No new taxes! Let’s do for ourselves what politicians cannot ever do for us. Vote Yes on November 6th, 2018 on the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act.

**Michelle Lind, Phoenix**  
*Sponsored by Citizens for Fair Tax Policy*

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Vote YES on Proposition XXX. Politicians frequently look for new streams of revenue and want to put a sales tax on basic services. We already know that politicians like to share bad ideas, so the threat is real. The Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act would stop any new service tax from being passed into law.

A new sales tax on services was recently proposed in the Arizona state legislature, and many states across the country have already started to implement service taxes on working families. Let’s not let Arizona become the next state to be snookered into

Every day, Arizonans depend on basic services to get by. Visits to the family doctor, veterinary services, air conditioning repairs, funeral services are now tax-free. But these, now tax-free services, are considered untaxed and untapped sources of money to politicians. Services can range from doctor visits at \$454 million and legal services at \$185 million to travel agents at \$70 million, beauty salons at \$18 million and \$2 million paid to diet and weight loss centers. —  
Source: Arizona Department of Revenue

The potential threat of a new service tax is real and would be a disastrous path for Arizonans to take. Please vote YES to Protecting Arizona Taxpayers, vote YES on Proposition XXX.

**Shelley Ostrowski, Yuma**  
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Vote Yes on Proposition XXX to protect senior citizens.

I submit this letter in support of the Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act, Proposition XXX. Service taxes negatively affect people on fixed incomes. I support Proposition XXX because it will protect senior citizens from being taxed on everyday services that they need to survive.

Senior citizens have already contributed to government coffers over a lifetime of regularly paying their taxes. Additionally taxing senior citizens for services they already need is unfair. There are better ways to fix our economy than to tax seniors for absolutely no reason at all. Let's find practical solutions to our financial problems. A new service tax would be impractical. This is why I urge everyone to vote Yes on Proposition XXX.

**Mary Roberts, Lake Havasu**  
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Government has always had an insatiable thirst for more and more tax money. Government justifies this "thirst" by presenting rhetorical arguments alleging that insufficient funding will cause "The People" to lose great privileges, and suffer harm, if the taxes are not increased. But on the other hand, If the taxes ARE increased, the promise is that the people will be rewarded with great tantalizing benefits. What really happens is the Government gets larger and more powerful. Remember back a few years ago, when our Governor pleaded that our children needed a one cent tax increase, so they could receive a better education? So the people believed, and voted for it. And the money was actually used for other programs, with only a token going to the schools!

Far too many people fall victim to the fraudulent promises of "tantalizing benefits", and therefore vote to increase taxes. This, PROTECT ARIZONA TAXPAYERS ACT bill, will put a stop to the Governments' misleading, meritless and empty promises.

**Walter Spawr, Lake Havasu City**

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A "Yes" vote on Proposition XXX, the "Protect Arizona Taxpayers" citizen's initiative, will protect you and your family from a new service tax.

Do not allow a new tax to be levied on us all. The answer is responsible spending, not more taxes. When governments fail to live within their means, they typically try demanding more money from their citizens. Overspending governments should not be allowed to reach into our pockets and steal our hard-earned money. New taxes will only depress our economy and add unneeded strain on working families.

Vote YES to approve Prop XXX. Stop government waste!

**Nicole LaSlavic, Phoenix**  
*Sponsored by Citizens for Fair Tax Policy*

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NFIB Arizona strongly urges you to VOTE YES for The Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act.

How would your life or your business be impacted if many of the services you pay for today cost 6 percent to 9 percent more? Imagine paying more for childcare services, rent, installations or repairs in your home, or automotive service for your car. These are just a few services provided by small businesses that could someday be taxed if we don't act to prevent it.

Most concerning is that increasing the costs on these types of services would negatively affect low- to moderate-income Arizonans the most.

A new sales tax on services was recently proposed in the Arizona Legislature but, thankfully, did not pass. The Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act will bring the people's voice to the Legislature through a constitutional amendment banning any future attempts to tax services that we use every day.

This proposition provides certainty and a simple protection for Arizona citizens and businesses against tax-and-spend politicians and bureaucrats who may seek to extract a new tax from us.

A 'YES' vote for The Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act will not reduce revenue for any city, school, county, or the state. Tax revenues will continue to grow as the economy grows, which will provide more revenue for state and local governments.

Please vote 'YES' in support of The Protect Arizona Taxpayers Act.

**Chad Heinrich, State Director, NFIB, Phoenix**  
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