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### Montana Citizens in Support of Fair Sales Tax

I represent the Montana citizens in support of a fair sales tax. The system for which we are lobbying would exempt the basic necessities for the sake of lower income families. It would also include a higher tax for various tourist attractions around the state.

We believe a fair sales tax is a more efficient form of taxation in the sense that it does not inhibit economic growth. The rationale is that the more one spends, the more one pays in taxes. This is believed to be a more beneficial form of collecting revenue than taking money from citizens before they have had a chance to spend it.

Exempting the basic necessities such as groceries, toiletries, etc. would be beneficial to lower income families. This way, they would be able to obtain the minimum of what they need without paying higher prices. If they so choose, they can pay taxes for what would be considered luxury or unnecessary items. The poor would not be severely affected by this tax if it were to include an element such as this.

Having a sales tax designed specifically for tourist attractions would be the most efficient method of sales taxation. It would be focusing on collecting from incoming visitors opposed to state residents.

Our position on the issue of sales tax is that it should not be an additional tax, but merely a redistribution of tax. We, as fiscal conservatives, do not support raising taxes. We believe the fair sales tax is simply more efficient and beneficial to the Montana State residents than a high property tax.

My position as a lobbyist is to support a fair sales tax system.

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