

Why Haven't You Been Told These Things About Ballot Question 1?

Why are 1,350,000 Massachusetts voters already planning to vote YES on Question 1 to End the state income tax? Why should you join them?

There are three things to consider: what the debate is, government by the numbers, and why the people of Massachusetts benefit if you vote YES on 1.

The Debate

"Which choice, which vote is better for the 3,400,000 workers and taxpayers of Massachusetts:

"Vote NO, ***KEEP*** the state income tax, require 3,400,000 workers to ***keep paying*** \$3,700 each on average every year, and maintain state government spending at \$47.3 billion this year?

"OR:

"Vote YES, ***END*** the state income tax, let the 3,400,000 workers ***get back*** \$3,700 each on average every year, and roll back state government spending to \$34.7 billion this year?

Massachusetts Government by the Numbers

\$47.3 billion is the total state government budget for this year. The \$28.2 billion "budget" figure tossed around is only part. There are *four* categories of the complete budget: Statutory Budgeted Spending, NON-Budgeted Spending, Capital Spending, and Expendable Trust Spending.

(<http://tinyurl.com/3w2deh>)

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\$27+ billion is the total budgets of Massachusetts cities and towns this year. (This includes \$5 billion in state government funds given to cities and towns.)

(<http://tinyurl.com/3rme4b>), See schedule A, Actual revenues/expenditures. Adjust up \$1.3 billion per year to bring budget current.)

\$12.6 billion of the state government budget comes from the state income tax. 27% of revenues.

\$34.7 billion will be left in the state budget – after we End the state income tax.

\$56.7 billion is the amount left over for our city, town, and state governments – after we End the state income tax. Way more than needed to fund every essential government service.

41% waste in Massachusetts state government. That's the number Fabrizio Surveys discovered when they asked Massachusetts voters this question: "How many cents out of every dollar you pay in state taxes would you say is wasted by the state government?"

One more interesting number:

45% of Massachusetts voters already plan to vote YES on Question 1 – according to 3 polls. With a November 4th voter turnout of 3,000,000, that comes to a whopping 1,350,000 votes to End the state income tax.

Benefits to the People of Massachusetts if You Vote YES on 1

Voting YES will give back over \$3,700 each to over 3,400,000 Massachusetts workers. \$3,700 average. Each worker. Not just once. Every year.

It will take \$12.6 billion out of the hands of Massachusetts Big Government – and put it back into the hands of the men and women who earned it. Every year.

In productive, private hands this \$12.6 billion a year will create hundreds of thousands of new jobs in Massachusetts.

This tax cut will force the state legislature to streamline and cut the waste out of the Massachusetts state budget

It will force the state legislature to get rid of the failed, flawed government programs that don't work – and often make things worse.

It will make the state legislature accountable to Massachusetts workers and taxpayers – instead of the government employees, lobbyists, and special interests who profit from high government spending.

With less government and no income tax, Massachusetts will become a magnet to private, productive businesses and individuals. More good jobs and more good workers.

It will save thousands of Massachusetts families from home foreclosures and bankruptcy.

By making the Massachusetts total tax burden more affordable, we'll allow more of our young people to stay in Massachusetts near their family, their friends, and their home.

And that's why you should vote YES on 1 to *End* the income tax for 3,400,000 Massachusetts workers and taxpayers – and their families.

Learn the truth about state government spending.
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