

Resolution Rejecting I-1408 and the Prohibition of Income Tax in Washington State

Whereas, for decades Tim Eyman pushed initiatives that have gutted the services and safety nets that we all rely on; and

Whereas, from public schools, roads and bridges, public health, mental health, and homelessness, Tim Eyman has taken a sledgehammer to Washington's budget, all to benefit himself, his wealthy donors, and anti-tax extremists; and

Whereas, now Tim Eyman is pushing a new ballot initiative, I-1408, that would give massive handouts to Washington's super-wealthy by taking \$500 million per year from childcare, early learning, and public schools; and

Whereas, Tim Eyman and his cronies are trying to roll back the progress we made with the passage of the capital gains tax, which was an important step in balancing our upside-down tax code; and

Whereas, even with the capital gains tax, the wealthiest Washingtonians still won't pay what they owe in taxes, while the rest of us are paying more than our share; and

Whereas, the capital gains tax revenue will fund critical investments in child care, early learning, and public schools; and

Whereas, we can't let Eyman hurt our kids again just to help his wealthy backers;

Therefore, be it resolved the 46th District Democrats will protect our progress on progressive revenue reform, recommend that its members and residents decline to sign I-1408, help stop Tim Eyman, and sign and promote the petition at www.WA4Kids.org to show Eyman he can't dupe voters this time.

Submitted by Melissa Taylor, for consideration by the 46th Legislative District Democrats on November 17, 2021.