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Scary Schauer: All Trick, No Treat

Schauer's Spending Plan to Cost Average Michigan Family Nearly \$1,000 More Per Year in New Taxes, Fees

LANSING, MI, October 31, 2014 – This Halloween is more frightening than usual for Michigan families; faced with the prospect of a \$1,000 per year tax increase to pay for the new government spending proposed by Mark Schauer in his so-called “blueprint.”

According to nonpartisan analysts, Schauer’s spending plan would cost taxpayers between \$2.2 billion and \$3.7 billion more each year—the equivalent of more than \$1,000 per family in new taxes.

Paying for \$1,000 per year in new taxes could force families to make tough choices in their own budgets. Cutting \$1,000 from the family budget each and every year could mean:

- Taking food off the table by trimming the grocery budget by \$20 per week;
- Forcing families to accumulate an additional \$1,000 per year in credit card debt;
- Canceling the family’s home Internet service;
- Canceling the family’s cell phone plan;
- Pricing their graduating son or daughter out of tuition at a Michigan college or university;
- Putting off a new or used car purchase indefinitely; or more.

“This Halloween, Mark Schauer is all tricks and no treats,” said Michigan Freedom Fund President Greg McNeilly. “Schauer’s tax scheme has real world consequences for real families. It would put an incredible new financial burden on seniors living on a fixed income, on young families trying to put down roots and on taxpayers working hard just to put food on the table.”

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