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## **Missouri Amendment 3 Fact of the Day: Higher Taxes, Zero Accountability**

On November 7, voters in Missouri will be faced with a measure to increase the sales tax on cigarettes by 80 cents per pack and triple the tax on other tobacco products.

Proponents estimate revenue generated from the increase would amount to approximately \$499 million. However, Measure 3 in no way requires that all the new taxes be dedicated to those it is inflicting the most pain on.

**In fact, more than 4 out of 5 dollars - 82.5% - of the tobacco tax increase are not required to be spent on tobacco diseases or tobacco cessation programs. Instead, much of it goes to hospital corporations, including for-profit hospital chains, many of which are funding the campaign to raise these taxes.**

Measure 3 is a money grab scheme written by special interest groups, for special interest groups.

Vote **NO** on November 7<sup>th</sup>!

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