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## **Proposition 86 Fact of the Day** **Higher Taxes, Zero Accountability**

Advocates of increased spending and higher taxes in California have set their sights on another source for revenue: **tobacco**. Proposition 86 would increase the tobacco tax 300 percent with less than 10 percent of the revenue actually being directed towards tobacco prevention and education programs.

Proponents estimate revenue generated from the increase would amount to approximately \$2.1 billion. However, Prop 86 in no way requires that all the new taxes be dedicated to those it is inflicting the most pain on.

**In fact, almost 40 percent of the money goes to hospital corporations, including for-profit hospital chains, many of which are funding the campaign to raise these taxes.**

Prop 86 is a money grab scheme written by special interest groups, for special interest groups.

**Vote NO on Proposition 86!**

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