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LEGISLATIVE ALERT

To Fix Transportation: Reprioritize

In recent days, discussions of how to cover transportation costs have been rampant. As a signer of the Taxpayer Protection Pledge, you have committed to oppose and vote against any and all efforts to raise taxes. A vote in favor of SR 845 is NOT “opposing” a tax increase.

Before attempting to patch up transportation troubles, it is necessary that you take a step back and reassess legislative priorities, which seem to be misguided.

First, if transportation is truly a priority, it should be treated as such in the budgeting process. Spending cuts can be made in other areas before the option of tax increases (read: raiding taxpayer wallets) is even put on the table for consideration.

Second, considering tax increases to address a state’s overspending problem without having had a serious conversation with Georgians about how exactly their government spends their money is like putting the proverbial cart before the horse.

Pass SB 300, legislation that will create a single searchable website of state government expenditures. Shining a light on how taxpayer dollars are spent allows you to cut any waste from the budget, freeing up money that can be spent on roads. Attempting to solve the state’s transportation woes without having opened up the books first equates flying blindfolded.

Continue standing up for taxpayers- vote “NO” on the sales tax hike.