



February 24, 2010

Virginia Senate  
Virginia House of Delegates

Dear Legislator,

**I urge you to reject any and all tax increases, fee increases, or mark-ups as you move forward in budget deliberations.** There is never a good time for a tax increase, but now in these economically tough times, it would be most detrimental to any prospect of economic growth and job creation.

**Senate Bill 30 contains tax increases masquerading as “fees,” for instance (and this is not a comprehensive list):**

- a 0.5% tax on property/casualty insurance, resulting in a \$66 million tax increase over two years
- an 18 cent per line “fee” on phone lines, resulting in a nearly \$40 million tax increase
- a \$8 million dollar tax increase coming in the form of a 2% mark-up on alcohol at ABC stores.

The current problem is not a revenue problem, but rather is a symptom of out of control spending. **I encourage you to address the real problem: overspending.**

Please join the families of Virginia who are working to find ways to make due with less, rather than pursuing more revenue from the private sector. As families are finding ways to cut their budgets, I urge you to find more cuts, rather than by raising taxes, “fees,” or “mark-ups.” If you have any questions, please contact Nathan Pick, state affairs manager, at 202.785.0266.

Onward,

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