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## LEGISLATIVE ALERT

# Vote NO on Senate Bill 1479

Senate Bill 1479 is a fiscally irresponsible effort that would allow Governor Brewer to place a \$3 billion sales tax increase onto the November ballot.

For those members of the legislature who have signed the Taxpayer Protection Pledge – committing to “oppose any and all efforts to increase taxes” – know that a vote in favor of SB 1479 represents a violation of the Pledge.

This \$3 billion tax increase has been put into a verbal compromise package with SB 1478/HB 2653, which would transition to a new flat tax structure. Make no mistake: Americans for Tax Reform fully supports transitioning from a 5-bracket progressive income tax structure to a single-rate flat tax.

**However, trading a vote for a preferable tax structure in exchange for a massive \$3 billion tax increase is still a vote for a multi-billion net tax increase.** While the flat tax proposal is estimated to cut \$450 million in revenues, together these bills will raise taxes by over \$2.5 billion. This is not a fiscally responsible solution or a method to truly reform Arizona’s tax and spending addiction.

**Arizona does not have a budget shortfall – it has an overspending problem.** General fund spending has grown unsustainably by 66% over the last five years – twice the rate of population and inflation. The only way to truly rectify the state’s budget woes is to rein in the size of government. **This compromise package would instead result in a massive tax increase that would leave Arizona families and businesses worse off.**

## Vote NO on Senate Bill 1479.

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