



*"For Truth in Taxation
And Job Creation"*

July 7, 2008

Dear FairTaxer,

The Press Release shown below is being released to the media today to inform them that our efforts to force placement of the MI FairTax on the November ballot fell short of obtaining the necessary number of valid voter signatures.

Our effort has, however, informed many thousands of Michigan citizens about the MI FairTax and has greatly expanded our membership. Not only did the individuals who signed our petitions learn more about the MI FairTax, but the media coverage of our petition initiative has made hundreds of thousands of other Michigan citizens aware of our tax reform plan.

We are stronger than we have ever been. So where do we go from here to move our issue forward?

There are five things that you can do to make a HUGE difference:

1. Get your state representative and senator and the six Michigan legislative leaders to advocate for the MI FairTax and to place it on the November Ballot. They can place it on the ballot up to September 7. (See June 22 message for their contact info and sample letters.) Inform them that the MI FairTax will provide the revenues needed to fully fund state government and will solve Michigan's chronic budget woes by giving Michigan the most attractive business environment in America.

2. Get candidates running for the Michigan House of Representatives to advocate for the MI FairTax in their campaigns.

3. Set up speaking engagements with local and state organizations for yourself and/or district and state leaders so that many people can be informed of the MI FairTax at one time. Such presentations sometimes even result in an endorsement of the MI FairTax by the organization.

4. Be assertive with your friends and family and let them know of your commitment to the MI FairTax and encourage them to participate in our effort.

5. Contribute your time and a little bit of money monthly to this most important issue in generations. Contact me or any other state officer and district officer to determine how you can best volunteer.

No issue can move forward without financial resources. Please give to the Michigan FairTax Association. How to do so is on our [website](#), and please consider recurring

monthly contributions via your credit card or by direct monthly payments from your bank.



No effort such as this can be successful without everyone doing a little. We are seeing increasing numbers of MIFT supporters get on board with our **"10 bucks a month"** club. When multiplied over 1,000's of MIFT members, this has the potential to become a powerful funding source to move us forward.

If you'd like to set up MFTA as a recurring monthly Payee on your bank or credit union's Bill Pay system, directions are at <http://www.mifairtax.org/Donate.htm>

Together, we WILL make Michigan the No. 1 destination in the U.S. for businesses, jobs, and families.

Let's do it!

Yours in the cause,

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Press Release:

Optimistic, MI FairTax proponents pursue new strategies as petition deadline passes.

The MI FairTax Association (MFTA) will not have 380,000 voter signatures needed by July 7 to place the MI FairTax petition initiative on the 2008 General Election ballot. Legislators, by a 2/3 vote of the House and Senate, could still place the measure on the fall ballot or supporters may choose to pursue a new citizen petition campaign to place the issue on the General Election ballot at a later date.

Volunteer State Director, Roger Buchholtz, stated, "We have many strategies available to pass the measure and we now have hundreds more volunteers thanks to the petition effort." He said that "the MI FairTax is favored by over 80% of the public when citizens were well informed of the provisions of the plan." Buchholtz went on to state, "Supporters are more optimistic than ever and will continue the MFTA mission to educate the public and pursue all avenues constitutionally allowed to pass the Michigan FairTax proposal. As voters learn more about the MI FairTax, support grows"

"The MI FairTax proposal will fully fund state government and make Michigan the most attractive place in America to locate a business." The MI FairTax is a simple retail sales tax that will replace the state income tax and most state business taxes. It has a "prebate" that untaxes the poor and causes the effective tax rate to increase as spending increases. Buchholtz stated that the effective tax rate for the typical

Michigan family of four earning \$50,000 per year would be only 2.7% after the prebate and other untaxed spending are considered.

The MI FairTax also eliminates the ruse of business taxation. Buchholtz emphasized that, "Businesses have never paid taxes. We citizens pay all business taxes when we purchase their products and services as taxes, like all other business expenses, are passed on to the final purchaser in higher prices. By eliminating Michigan business taxes we make Michigan labor and business more competitive and bring companies and jobs back to Michigan."

Buchholtz stated that the MI FairTax movement is now stronger than ever, as the petition circulation process has informed hundreds of thousands of Michigan citizens about the MI FairTax. These new supporters are contacting legislators to urge them to place the MI FairTax on the November ballot and to educate them to move forward the MI FairTax campaign.

More information on the MI FairTax, including how citizens can become involved in the tax reform effort, is available at: www.mifairtax.org.

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