

## Press Release

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### For Immediate Release

#### *Hoekstra Attacked by Group Misrepresenting the MI FairTax*

A Washington, DC issue organization, Americans for Job Security (AJS), is currently [running ads](#) on Michigan TV stations attacking Pete Hoekstra. This would not normally be a concern of the Michigan FairTax Association (MFTA) or its 50,000 members as that is just politics; however a misrepresentation of the MI FairTax is used as a means to attack Hoekstra.

While the MI FairTax proposal is not named in the ad, the ad clearly refers to the MI FairTax proposal as Hoekstra has been advocating it in his campaign. [The ad](#) says Congressman Hoekstra wants to raise taxes and that this is "crazy in this economy". MI FairTax President, Roger Buchholtz, said "The truth is that the MI FairTax lowers taxes. What is crazy is to continue doing the same thing (tinker with the current failed tax system) and expect different results."

While Mike Cox and Mike Bouchard have said positive things about the MI FairTax only Pete Hoekstra has shown the courage to offer it to the people of Michigan. He has clearly stated his support for giving Michigan citizens the opportunity to vote on the popular issue.

Buchholtz said "Because the MI FairTax eliminates the sale of tax favors by Michigan's governor and legislators to special interests for campaign contributions etc., some politicians and lobbying organizations oppose it. Rather than a tax increase the MI FairTax prevents Lansing politicians from increasing our taxes without a vote of the people.

Candidates that want to preserve the business-as-usual trade in tax favors may talk tough about cutting taxes but they actually want to continue the usual back-scratching practices that have put Michigan's economy in the tank. Buchholtz said, "They can put all the [lipstick on that pig](#) [current tax system] they want, but citizens are seeing through the deception and demanding that we give Michigan the most attractive business tax environment in America and create jobs by eliminating hidden "business" taxes from the price of Michigan made products.

Only the MI FairTax, that Hoekstra supports, eliminates the job killing Michigan business taxes that are passed on in the prices of all Michigan produced goods and services, making them less competitive.

The MI FairTax is the way out of our current misery. It will bring jobs to our state and allow our children to stay in Michigan. The resulting demand for labor and property will increase wages and property values and we will soon have budget surpluses that will be returned to citizens in lower tax rates as mandated by the MI FairTax proposal.

While MFTA encourages discussion of the state and national FairTax proposals, MFTA will expose all attempts to mislead the public with half truths and disinformation intended to confuse and mislead the public on the FairTax issues or candidates supporting the proposals. The AJS advertisement is intentionally misleading and has no place in Michigan politics as we labor to return to economic prosperity.

MI FairTax information can be viewed at [www.mifairtax.org](http://www.mifairtax.org)