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To business owners, workers, and Michigan citizens: (Oct 11, 2007)

On October 9th most of the Lansing Lobbyists, Business Associations & Organizations met to discuss the repeal of the new services sales tax, which was passed on top of all the other taxes last week by the Legislature. I agree it should be repealed by the legislature and they should bring together their collective muscle to make it happen.

However, if they choose a Constitutional ballot initiative in 2008 as one of the options, I believe this would be short sighted and ineffective. If you constitutionally prohibit the spread of sales tax to services and only eliminate one form of taxation, without dealing with the others, the legislature will simply raise taxes another way. ***The Michigan FairTax Proposal would restructure the entire state-wide tax structure eliminating Personal Property Tax, gross receipts tax, business income tax and Michigan State Income Tax, and the Legislature could not re-enact or raise any state-wide tax again without a vote of the people.*** If you are a part of any business association, organization, union, rotary, chamber, or service group, please let them know you do not want them to settle for changing a little piece of the tax structure, when you have a chance to change it all.

This is my perspective and concern about the Lansing meeting, as well as my perspective on what happened in the budget fiasco, and where we should go from here.

Take care & God bless,

Fulton Sheen
88th District State Representative