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- **The Solution in Michigan involves repealing the MBT.**
 - Repealing the 22% surcharge on the MBT is nothing more than a legislative tweak that lawmakers seem to be just too enthused to hold hearings on and debate.
 - Surviving businesses **will** accept the reduction of this Onerous Tax, BUT ...
 - It's just something ELSE to keep the legislative process going!
 - Repealing the surcharge is the same thing as a Cardiologist telling a new Stroke Patient in the E.R. that the patient has a headache, should take two aspirin and call back in the morning.
 - Repealing the Surcharge will just kill us slower.
 - Repealing the Surcharge will make some feel good for a while, like we have won some massive concession
- *"The New Business Tax is a Business Killer"*
 - If I pour a gallon of *Round-Up*[®] in the center of my front lawn and then make the statement that "*Round-Up*[®] is a Lawn Killer" as the neighborhood sits and watches my lawn die, can "THE SOLUTION" possibly be to water-down the Round-Up by making a mixture of 88% Round-Up[®] and 22% water and then re-applying it to my Lawn?
 - **It is the Solution if you live in that 10-block Bubble in Lansing, apparently.**
- It seems action like this is simply how lawmakers think they are proving their worth!
 - They collectively seem to pass a bunch of garbage laws and then take another year and the expense to try to "fix it" by writing more bills, holding more hearings, NOT scheduling more votes, creating artificial Budget Crises, etc, etc, ad nauseam.
 - The "One-side-of-the-aisle-protecting-the-people-from-the-other-side-of-the-aisle" culture in the Legislature needs to stop...
- Many business owners (and they do VOTE) – and now more and more Voters - are saying that our Government be banned from picking Winners and Losers with our Tax Code.
 - The MBT (with that 6% Service Tax kicker) was the Holy Grail of Governing Class Winner and Loser Picking.
 - Now, it seems, it's the MBT Surcharge Repeal that is in vogue.
- The Solution is NOT tweaking the MBT.

- That can be done until the Cows come Home! ... Michigan can only hope to crawl off the Cellar Floor to the Cellar Stairs.
- Business Capital + Workforce Talent = Jobs
 - Michigan MUST once again become a Business Capital MAGNET.
 - It is today a Business Capital Repellant.
- ***The Solution involves eliminating the MBT.***
 - **Businesses do not pay taxes. People pay taxes.**
- **THE Best Solution truly is getting that Michigan FairTax issue (Res L) in front of the Voters this November.**
- THAT is the Solution.
 - How can it possibly be any worse than what we have been doing for decades?
- The only informed objection to the FairTax that I have heard in a year (other than it is simply “a Change”) is simply that “it will never pass”.
 - That’s not a reason to withhold support from an Idea Whose Time Has Come – that’s just a statement about the degree of difficulty.
 - Doing the Right Thing is never the wrong thing to do.
- Government Spending must be reduced until that time when the citizens of Michigan can afford more.
 - Government Spending will only come down when enough people there have been changed and enough pressure applied by the citizens.
 - THAT is much more likely to happen when every citizen gets to see how much their state government costs them when it is displayed on the receipt for everything we buy as the state Sales Tax.
 - The Michigan FairTax is our best hope of getting that done.

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