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VOTE NO ON MAY 5 PROP 1 BALLOT!

FIGHT GOV. SNYDER'S THREATENING DAILY CAMPAIGN; HE WANTS MORE BIG GOVERNMENT FREEDOM TO RAISE TAXES BY CUTTING SOME OF THE VOTING RIGHTS WE THE PEOPLE GUARANTEED OURSELVES BY MAJORITY STATEWIDE VOTE PUTTING THE 1978 HEADLEE TAX LIMITATION AMENDMENT INTO OUR MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION

Harbor Springs, MI., April 6, 2015 – Following are comments from the presentation of Bill McMaster, State Chairman (Volunteer), Taxpayers United Michigan Foundation, to an Emmet County Republican Party event in Harbor Springs, MI:

"Article 9, Section 25 of our 1978 Headlee Amendment in our State Constitution says in part: 'State taxation and spending may not be increased above the limitations specified herein without direct voter approval.

"Proposal 15-1 begins "A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7%." The 110 State Representatives and 38 State Senators, went home within an hour of sending the 46,000-word document to the Governor for his signature.

"It took intense lobbying by Gov. Snyder until 5:30 AM on December 19, 2014, the last hour of the two-year Legislative session in our State Capitol, to muster enough votes to put the ten Public Acts and two Resolutions on the May 5, 2015 Ballot as a single Constitutional Amendment

"We are being asked to blindly trust our Legislators and Governor without their fully disclosing the need or merits of the ten Public Acts concocted behind closed doors which created it as a Constitutional Amendment intended to cancel out some provisions of the Headlee Amendment under the battle cry 'Fix our roads'.

"There has been no discussion by the proponents of Proposal 1 of how Annual Total State Revenues have increased from \$52 billion to \$54 billion in the Governor's Budget for the year

starting October 1, 2015. Total State Revenues constitute the bottom line of taxes and other income to the State of Michigan.

“Gov. Snyder is saying Prop 1 will raise \$1.2 billion of the \$1.8 billion collected annually over a five-year period to fix the roads.

“There are four areas of major concern as good reasons to vote NO on Prop 1:

1. There is a hidden beneficiary in the new taxes being generated for distribution by the Michigan Dept. of Transportation. While Gov. Snyder promised “Not a single dime in public funds will be spent on the Detroit River Bridge”, at least \$50 million of the proposed \$1.2 billion to ‘fix the roads’ is scheduled to be spent to clear the site of 243 homes, 43 businesses and 7 non-profits for the Detroit River Bridge U.S. Inspection Plaza. Detroit entrepreneur Matty Moroun has already purchased enough land on both the Detroit & Windsor sides to privately finance a supplemental bridge to his Ambassador Bridge.
2. The Internet Sales Tax adopted during the same middle of the night Dec, 19, 2014 lame duck session includes \$400 million in new taxes on family Internet purchases. It violates the Headlee Amendment and must be challenged before May 5. If Prop 1 passes, it will enable the MI Dept. of Treasury to violate the personal privacy of Internet purchasers and the Use/Sales Tax will be increased from 6% to 7%.
3. Local governments have already been enlisted by State government to further neglect repairing roads during the spring thaw to put more bullying pressure on fed-up motorists to vote YES. (They have been coached to use the high cost of salt used during Michigan’s worst winter in history as the excuse for their depleted roads budgets.)
4. Within weeks of Gov. Snyder being sworn in in 2011 he imposed new taxes on Senior Pensions and Homesteads in violation of the Headlee Amendment. He also reduced the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which he wants to reverse as part of Prop 1. He has indicated he will continue to collect his Tax Hikes on Seniors and Homesteads, which amount to \$560 million annually.”

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Taxpayers United Michigan Foundation was founded in 1978 by Dick Headlee (deceased 2004) and Bill McMaster to successfully win statewide voter approval of the 1978 Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment. It has evolved into a tax deductible 501(c)(3) under the IRS code as a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational foundation helping educate grassroots taxpayers how to defend and control their Constitutional Rights despite exploitation by public officials, units of government and lobbyists.