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TALKING POINTS TO URGE SENATORS TO VOTE YES on CONSUMPTION TAX

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1. Nebraska's failed tax system burdens Nebraskans as one of the heaviest taxed states in the USA.
2. The EPIC Consumption Tax will be income neutral – which means all current state, county and Local Units of Government (LUG) budgets will be fully funded at \$10.9 Billion dollars – the amount of tax revenue currently generated by the lopsided 3-legged stool model.
3. Because of the monthly pre-bate allowance that an average household will receive from the Department of Revenue to pay for the Consumption Tax on food and utilities, the effective tax rate will be 5.39% or less, depending on the number of dependents living within each household.
4. The monthly budget for low income and middle-income families will gain extra dollars each month from the Nebraska sales tax dollars that consumers save as they no longer have to pay sales tax when buying used goods.
5. By eliminating the long list of sales tax exemptions on some retail products and by adding retail services to the tax base, The Consumption Tax base (*at an estimated \$123 Billion*) will be more than double the size of the current sales tax base (*of \$49 Billion*).
6. Border bleed is a myth spread by the opposition. By eliminating 5 taxes including property tax and corporate income tax, the price of products of Nebraska businesses will be lowered because business no longer have to include the cost of their taxes in the selling price paid by consumers.
7. The Beacon Hill Dynamic Study states that EPIC Consumption Tax will create an economic boom because it eliminates 5 burdensome taxes with a consumption tax paid on new retail products and services.
8. The Beacon Hill Dynamic Study states that EPIC Consumption Tax will create additional economic growth because there are no consumption taxes paid on business-to-business transactions.

SUMMARY

When Nebraska voters – whether employees or business owners or retirees – learn how the EPIC Consumption Tax will work and save them hundreds to thousands of dollars annually, the vast majority strongly support the effort to place the EPIC Consumption Tax constitutional amendment on the November 2022 general election ballot. The Beacon Hill Dynamic Study provides this evidence. Therefore, we ask each Nebraska Senator to commit to vote YES for the EPIC Consumption Tax legislative resolution to be introduced by Senator Steve Erdman in January 2022.