What do you do when the people come together and use the referendum process to oppose a slew of new taxes? Well, if you're like some in our Legislature you repeal the new taxes and stick it to the citizens by doing this!

Figuratively, our legislators stuck their tongues out and then lashed out at citizens who dared to oppose their controversial new tax law! How? The legislature changed the referendum process, making it more difficult. Our Senator was right there with them!

Sixteen years in office can make anyone, regardless of how well-meaning, lose touch with how everyday people think and feel. Our Legislators, including our incumbent Senator, voted to repeal a controversial new tax law, but only after the citizens gathered 152,000 signatures in 5 weeks to put the issue on the ballot. These citizens took this action because the Legislature was proposing a slew of new taxes to burden both citizens and businesses. The troubling aspect of this situation lies in the fact that the Legislature had enacted a process enabling citizens to initiate ballot measures. But when the people used the process successfully against the tax changes the Legislature desired, the Legislature reluctantly repeal the slew of new taxes, and then lashed out by making it more difficult to get referendums on the ballot.

In Utah we believe in honesty and integrity in dealing with others. Not penalizing citizens for doing what the Legislature should have done in the first place. As your Senator, Chad Bennion will be **accessible, transparent, and accountable not only when it is easy, but when it matters the most!** If that is the type of Senator you seek, Chad would appreciate your vote on March 23rd.