

WHAT REALLY HAPPENS IF WE ABOLISH ALL OHIO PROPERTY TAXES?

- Big hikes in sales and income taxes – as high as 20%
- Massive cuts to police/fire/EMS/911 – fewer first responders, longer response times, out-of-date equipment
- Drastic cuts to local schools – bigger classes, fewer teachers, aging infrastructure
- Vital services eliminated for seniors, children, and Ohioans with disabilities

Rising property taxes are a serious concern but abolishing them abruptly means every local community will immediately face massive cuts in services.

Property taxes make up nearly two-thirds of all local tax revenue, and to eliminate them altogether with no plan for what comes next is just reckless.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR OHIOANS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES?

For the nearly 117,000 Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families who rely on local services, property taxes cover anywhere between 75% to 85% of the budget for each county board of developmental disabilities. Without this revenue, the statewide DD system collapses.

- ❗ No early intervention services for infants and toddlers
- ❗ No preschool and K–12 special education supports
- ❗ No federal Medicaid matching dollars, forfeiting more than \$1 billion each year
- ❗ Slashes Medicaid waiver services, including personal care, nursing, employment supports, transportation, and family respite
- ❗ Elimination of case management services that ensure health, safety, and accountability for individuals receiving services



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