



## OHIOANS TO PROTECT PUBLIC SERVICES

### 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- Massive cuts to police/fire/EMS/911 – fewer first responders, longer response times, out-of-date equipment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 LOCAL ROADS?

Property tax levies passed expressly for road work help keep Ohio's local roads and bridges safe and drivable for more than half Ohio's population. These voter-approved levies fund critical repairs and maintenance that state gas taxes alone don't cover. **Eliminating this funding source – nearly \$414 million a year – means poorer driving conditions for Ohio motorists.**

Consequences could include:

- ❗ Fewer or delayed road and bridge repairs, resurfacing, and replacement
- ❗ More potholes and deteriorating local streets
- ❗ Reduced snow and ice removal in many communities
- ❗ Slower response to hazardous road conditions
- ❗ Increased vehicle damage and repair costs for drivers
- ❗ Thousands of construction and infrastructure jobs at risk



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