

## **NO on 1033 talking points**

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### **Eyman's latest initiative is already a proven failure.**

- Tim Eyman's latest initiative uses the same rigid and arbitrary formula as the "TABOR" law passed in Colorado, which led to deep cuts to public schools, roads and highways, and children's health care.
- It did so much damage to the state's economy that in 2005, Coloradans voted to suspend the law.

### **I-1033 will make it harder for us to dig out of the recession – just as things are starting to get better.**

- Eyman claims his plan won't cut services, but the non-partisan Office of Financial Management recently released a study showing that I-1033 will reduce revenues for education, health care, and other services by \$5.9 billion over the next five years. There's no way we can lose that much revenue without hurting the families who rely on these services.
- Times are tough enough already – 1033 just makes things worse.

### **I-1033 damages our schools, and worsens our health care crisis.**

- This year we've slashed school funding by \$1.5 billion, and as many as 3,000 teachers and education employees are facing layoffs. The Eyman TABOR plan will take even more resources away from Washington's classrooms – and Washington's kids.
- Despite a growing senior population, funding for nursing homes, in-home care and adult day health services are being cut – and 40,000 Washington residents of all ages may lose their Basic Health Plan coverage. Eyman's TABOR plan will make our health care crisis more severe.
- I-1033 will do more damage to schools and put seniors' health care at risk.

### **Eyman's gimmick will take local control away from us and hurt our communities.**

- I-1033 replaces Washington's tradition of local control with a rigid, one-size-fits-all formula that imposes the same exact limits on every city and county in the state, regardless of their different needs and priorities. We should let the voters in each community decide these issues for themselves.
- Eyman says our communities have nothing to worry about, but the independent Office of Financial Management says I-1033 will take away \$2.8 billion that cities and counties use to keep us safe, repair local roads, maintain our parks and provide basic services. That's why local leaders throughout the state are warning that I-1033 will put their communities at risk.
- Funding for public safety, transportation and infrastructure, and parks are all threatened by Initiative 1033.

### **This is "Eyman's TABOR Plan."**

- I-1033 is "Eyman's TABOR Plan."
- Eyman is the main proponent of I-1033 - while businesses, public school teachers, nurses, firefighters and others all around the state are working to defeat this terrible idea.