



AMENDMENT #1
A PROPERTY TAX SCHEME THAT JUST DOESN'T ADD UP

“Our schools won’t be adequately funded. Police and fire protection will be reduced.”
—Florida Times-Union 11/1/2007

“...The first ones hurt [will be] firefighters, police,...teachers and parents of public school students.”
—Daytona Beach News-Journal 11/14/07

“It’s a mistake and bad for Florida.”
—Florida TaxWatch, St. Petersburg Times 10/31/2007

Vote NO on Amendment #1

Election Day January 29, 2008

YOU CAN VOTE BY MAIL
Request your Absentee Ballot TODAY.
Your ballot request cards included inside.

“[Amendment #1] will surely be devastating for public education...”
—Gainesville Sun 11/18/07

“Our kids in the classroom won’t be spared.”
—Florida Today 10/31/2007

“...School districts would lose an estimated \$3 billion.”
—Palm Beach Post 10/31/2007

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AMENDMENT #1— A Bad Deal for Schools, Students and YOU

Amendment #1 not only makes a bad tax system even worse for middle class Floridians, it will mean devastating cuts that put our public schools and public safety at risk.

Huge Tax Giveaways for Wealthy Out-of-State Property Owners (But Not You)

Amendment #1 provides out-of-state property owners with expensive beach homes a chance to receive thousands of dollars.

An average middle class Florida homeowner will get less than \$20 a month while facing drastic cuts in our local fire services, law enforcement and our schools.

“Floridians deserve better.”

—St. Petersburg Times 10/31/2007

Record Cuts in Public Education Funding

Experts estimate that Amendment #1 will cost public schools nearly \$3 billion—devastating our schools, our students and all of our education employees. **Raises will be wiped out... school services eliminated... jobs will be cut.**

The Safety of Our Neighborhoods and Homes at Risk

Amendment #1 not only puts public schools at risk. Public safety services will also face drastic cuts. Fewer police means increased crime. Cuts in fire services mean slower response times for fires and emergencies.

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Amendment #1 Just Doesn't Add Up

REQUEST YOUR BALLOT BY MAIL TODAY

It's Easy and Convenient—Voting by mail (also known as “absentee”) allows you to vote from the comfort of your own home. Your ballot will arrive a few weeks before **Election Day (January 29, 2008)**.

Your Vote Will Count—Absentee ballots are a paper record of your vote. You are assured that it will be counted on Election Day.

Three steps to **DEFEAT AMENDMENT 1:**

1 Complete and sign the absentee ballot application. We included an extra application card for other voters in your house. **Your signature is required. Your date of birth OR Voter Registration Number is also required.**

2 Place a \$0.26 stamp in the upper right-hand corner. (A \$0.41 stamp will work too!) **OR** place card in envelope addressed to the Supervisor of Elections with a \$0.41 stamp.

3 Drop the application card in the mail **TODAY**.



Complete and return your application card below.

Card for other voter in your house.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST CARD

Election Supervisor:

This is my formal request for an absentee ballot for all elections in the calendar year of 2008, including the Presidential Primary in January 2008. **I am a registered voter in the county listed on your rolls at the address on the reverse side of this card.** You may mail my ballot to the address listed.

Instead, send my ballot to the following address:

Phone: _____

REQUIRED INFO: Your Birthdate (mo/day/yr): _____

OR Voter Registration Number: _____

SIGNATURE (REQUIRED): _____

Must be signed as registered. Do not print. Important: Please verify that all information on the reverse side is correct.

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