

Legislators need to get the message:

Take the vote.

Cut tax breaks to raise revenue.

The Legislature comes back to town for a special session starting Nov. 28.

They're taking this extraordinary action to fix the newest, \$2 billion budget deficit.



Legislators have two choices:



• They can yield to the wealthiest 1% and cut public safety, public services and higher education.



• Or they can stand with the 99% of the rest of us and **TAKE THE VOTE** to cut billions in tax breaks to raise revenue. We need to create jobs, save the middle class and restore our economy.



See the back of this flier for just 27 tax breaks that could be closed.

Take the vote.



Call 1-800-562-6000

Online: <http://takeaction.wfse.org>

Tell your legislators to cut tax breaks to raise revenue! Save public safety, vital public services and higher education!



CUT TAX BREAKS

27 WAYS TO CUT THE DEFICIT BY CUTTING TAX BREAKS

Here are just 27 tax breaks that six groups propose cutting. The special legislative session could raise \$2.3 billion by closing them. That's more than enough to cover the \$2 billion budget deficit. There may be some overlap. WFSE/AFSCME members may not support them all. But we can all agree—cutting tax breaks is better than devastating cuts to public safety, public services and higher education.

GROUP/IDEA

SAVINGS

Economic Opportunity Institute¹

Repeal 1 st mortgage deduction	\$ 50.8 million
Repeal 1 st mortgage deduction for banks in more than 10 states	20.0 million
Sales tax exemption on custom software	31.2 million
Sales tax on financial planning, investment advising, securities trading	46.9 million
B&O pop syrup credit/increase pop syrup tax	16.7 million
B&O tax exemption for farmers with gross income above \$200,000	32.7 million
Sales tax exemption for non-organic fertilizers, sprays and washes	44.6 million
Use tax exemption on extracted fuel	25.6 million
Non-resident sales tax exemption	19.3 million
Motor vehicle fuel sales tax exemption	803.2 million
Public Utility Taxes (PUT) (modernize interpretation of Interstate Commerce Clause)	248.5 million

Our Economic Future Coalition²

Private jets	5.0 million
Display items/trade shows	.5 million
Elective cosmetic surgery	8.0 million
Out-of-state coal	11.0 million
Out-of-state shoppers	44.0 million
Consumer services	100.0 million
Christmas tree production	.5 million
Fish tax exemption	.340 million
B&O tax exemption/fish cleaning services	.011 million

Sightline (progressive green think tank)³

Trade-ins to car dealerships sales tax exemption ⁷	344.0 million
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WFSE/AFSCME⁴

3% furlough on corporate tax breaks	450.0 million
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Citizen Commission on Performance Measurement of Tax Preferences⁵

Hog fuel	3.2 million
Renewable energy machinery	40.8 million

SB 5947 (An act relating to repealing certain tax exemptions to provide funding for essential government services)⁶

Bull semen used for artificial insemination; chicken bedding; propane or natural gas to heat chicken structures	7.041 million
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TOTAL: \$2,353,892,000

SOURCES/NOTES: 1. http://www.eoionline.org/state_economy/index.htm; Revenues to Rebuild Washington's Economy; A Jobs and Economic Recovery Plan for Washington. 2. <http://oureconomicfuture.org/>; taxgiveaways.pdf. 3. <http://daily.sightline.org/2011/10/27/washingtons-450-million-tax-giveaway-for-cars/>; <http://publicola.com/2011/10/27/sightline-heres-a-tax-loophole-that-could-save-450-million/>. 4. http://seattletimes.nwsources.com/html/dannywestneat/2016643494_danny30.html. 5. <http://www.citizen taxpref.wa.gov/reports.htm>. 6. <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=5947&year=2011>. 7. Passed by voters as I-464 in 1984; it was opposed by WFSE/AFSCME.

