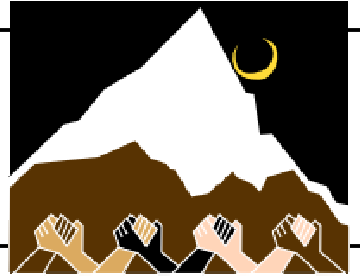


Vote YES

On January 26th
Vote YES! to Protect
Rural Oregon



- **Vote YES** to restore fairness to our outdated, imbalanced tax system.

This January, there will be a special election on Measures 66 & 67 to increase the \$10 corporate minimum income tax for the first time since 1931, and increase the marginal tax rate on personal income above \$250,000 per household. These measures protect nearly \$1 billion for education, healthcare, and public safety.

Some large corporations and out-of-state special interests are preparing to spend millions opposing these measures, because they don't want to pay more than \$10 in income taxes.

- **Vote YES** to protect education, public safety, and healthcare.

Before you vote, consider this...

- **Vote YES** on January 26th.

- **Over 90% of the state budget goes to vital services** like education, healthcare, public safety and human services – all of which are threatened by the economic crisis.
- 2/3rds of corporations doing business in Oregon pay **just \$10 a year** in income taxes. That includes out-of-state corporations that do millions of dollars in business in Oregon, and paid their CEOs millions in compensation, but paid no state taxes in 2008. The \$10 corporate minimum tax **hasn't been changed since 1931**.
- More than **98.5% of taxpayers** in most rural counties **won't be affected at all** by the proposed change to Oregon's personal tax.
- Measures 66 & 67 will give **tax relief to the unemployed**. The first \$2400 of unemployment benefits will not be subject to Oregon income tax.

Voting basics

- Voter **registration deadline is January 5th**. Register online at: www.sos.state.or.us/elections/votreg/se1500.pdf
- Ballots will be mailed out starting on January 8th.
- Remember to turn your ballot in by Tuesday, January 26th! Call the Lane County Election Office at **541-682-4234** to find out where the nearest drop box is!

Here's how you can help:

- Sign the **Pledge** to vote YES in January: www.rop.org
- Ask your friends and family to do the same!
- Call the Rural Organizing Project at 503-543-8417 or e-mail us at office@rop.org to find out what other folks are doing in your area to support Tax Fairness!

Contact the **Rural Organizing Project** to
Get the Facts about Tax Fairness:
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The **Rural Organizing Project** exists to advance democracy in all of Oregon's rural counties.

On January 26th
Vote YES! for
Tax Fairness in

Lane County



Small Businesses Support Measures 66 & 67

These are the most important things going on in our lives – education, health care, public safety – and that's what they want to take away. I think it's a need or greed situation. We need these tax increases to help our poor state of Oregon, but the tax opponents are so greedy – how many cars, how many houses, how much jewelry do they need while we are struggling just to make sure our children have a decent public education.

--Mary Jo Davis, Rosebud
Consignment, Lane County, Cottage
Grove

What do Measures 66 & 67 mean for Lane?

Measures 66 and 67 keep our rural schools, health clinics, and senior facilities funded at adequate levels. And they make sure that rural Oregon's working and middle class families won't have to carry a disproportionate burden of the costs of maintaining these services. In fact:

- **In Lane County, the number of families receiving food stamps has increased by 26% over last year!**
- **Less than 2.1% of taxpayers in Lane County will be affected by the personal income tax increase.**
- **21,000 people in Lane County received their initial unemployment check so far this year.**

Measures 66 and 67 ensure that large corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share. These measures are one small step towards creating stronger, more democratic communities and resilient rural economies.

January 26th, 2010 Ballot Measures Advance Democracy

Ballot Measure	What it Does	Workable Solution?	Advances Democracy?
67	Increases the corporate minimum income tax from \$10 to \$150 and increases the marginal tax rate on corporate profits above \$250,000 by 1.3% (above \$10 million in 2013).	YES Will help avoid further cuts to vital services like schools, health care and public safety by ensuring corporations pay their fair share. Establishes reasonable corporate tax rates that are still the lowest on the west coast. Makes sure small businesses can survive these tough times.	YES Restores a level of fairness to our outdated and imbalanced tax system. Corporations that benefit from a well-educated populace and safe, livable communities contribute a fair share towards maintaining the common good.
66	Increases the marginal tax rate by 1.8% on personal income above \$250,000 for couples and above \$125,000 for individuals.	YES Like 67, this measure protects the common good by ensuring adequate funding for basic programs that benefit all, rather than shifting the burden of the economic crisis to those who have been hardest hit already.	YES A healthy democracy guarantees a reasonable standard of living for all Oregon families. Measures 66 and 67 fairly distribute the costs of maintaining a reasonable standard of living according to people's ability to pay.