

"For Truth in Taxation and Job Creation"

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Dear reader,

It is a desirable long term goal to eliminate or very significantly reduce property taxes on Michigan citizens, however, to include it in the current MI FairTax would cause the sales tax rate to be too high relative to surrounding states and this would cause an undesirable incentive for purchases to be made in other states rather than in Michigan.

The MI FairTax eliminates the 6 mil State Education Tax (SET) on businesses real estate, along with most other business taxes, as these taxes are otherwise hidden in the price of all Michigan produced goods and services which harms Michigan business and labor.

Although our individual real estate taxes may be onerous, they are at least visible. Michigan residents receive property tax bills that show what they owe and then they send a payment to the local tax authorities. It is well within the power of the people to control their property taxes thru which candidates they elect to local government offices and how they vote on property tax proposals. In setting the priorities for Michigan tax reform it was decided that it was most important to eliminate those taxes that the current tax code hides from the public ("business taxes") and the personal income tax as these taxes directly impact on the competitiveness of Michigan businesses and Michigan jobs.