

RESOLUTION

Resolution: Local 1488 members, call on our Washington Federation of State Employees (WFSE) leadership & lobbyists to not support Governor Gregoire's proposed sales tax increase and instead demand a fair and equitable tax structure.

Whereas: The WFSE training on the 11/28/11 lobby day stated talking points of "Our tax system is fundamentally unfair, and the gap between the very rich and the rest of us is only growing," and "We demand Governor Gregoire and our legislators end unjustified tax breaks through a fair tax budget that makes Wall Street Banks, wealthy corporations and the 1% pay their fair share," and "Our legislators must take the lead with us on working to fix an unfair system that puts profit over people and corporations over families... We call on you to stand with the 99%"

Whereas: Sisters Organized for Survival (SOS) were passing out leaflets calling for "No sales tax, no gas tax!" and "We won't accept putting the burden of taxation on those who are already suffering or just squeaking by."

Whereas: The The Washington Education Association (WEA) is not supporting the regressive sales tax, but rather calling for equitable tax strategies.
(<http://www.theolympian.com/2011/12/01/1897134/schools-group-wants-tax-hike-to.html>)

Whereas: A sales tax increase would be another regressive tax (taxing the poor even more disproportionately to the rich) and not a long term solution to the economic crisis created by an inequitable tax system.

Whereas: Washington already has one of the most regressive tax structures IN THE COUNTRY.

Now therefore it be Resolved: The members of WFSE Local 1488 join WFSE Local 843 in calling on our state leadership to take a firm stance AGAINST a regressive sales tax and instead STAND UP for elimination of the tax loopholes allowing the 1% and corporations in Washington to not pay their fair share.

Be it further resolved: The WFSE members of local 843 call on our state leadership to have our lobbyists LOBBY for equitable and sustainable solutions to our unjust tax system and not support whatever regressive take-aways the legislature tosses our way.

Adopted by the membership meeting of Local 1488 on December 17, 2011
