

**ALERT April 23, 2009: Take Action Now**

**HJR 36, a Measure that would dramatically alter Missouri's Tax Structure is moving to the Senate. We need your help now to tell Senators to vote NO on HJR 36.**

**What's At Stake:**

HJR 36 would eliminate the individual and corporate income tax in Missouri and replace the lost revenue with a significantly expanded sales tax and increased state sales tax rate. The dangers of HJR 36:

- The new Missouri general revenue sales tax rate would increase from 3 percent to at least 5.11 percent and likely will need to increase to 9 percent;
- Missouri Sales Tax would be applied to all services including medical care, nursing homes, child care and school tuition;
- The Sales Tax rate would be applied to all housing related costs as well including rent, Utilities, Phone Service;
- The new general revenue sales tax rate would be applied to all purchasing including food, retail sales and prescription drugs;
- Consumer purchasing could dramatically decrease, impacting Missouri retailers and other businesses;
- The measure places Missouri at risk for a significant reduction in state revenue and cut to state services.

The attached brief analysis provides further details on the proposal.

**The Missouri Budget Project has learned that the Senate expects to hold a hearing on HJR 36 Next Week:**

**Wednesday, April 29, 2009**

**1 pm (TENTATIVE Date & Time)**

**Senate Ways & Means Committee**

**We need Your Help to Inform Missourians and Lawmakers about this Proposal**

- 1. Please Plan to Testify or Submit Written Testimony to the Senate Ways & Means Committee members. Ask that they vote NO on HJR 36 (Members Listed Below)**
- 2. Contact Your Senator about HJR 36**
- 3. Inform your members, constituents and networks about the Measure.**

**Senate Ways & Means Committee Members:**

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Please contact us if we can be of assistance. Thank you!

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