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## ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Q

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**Vote No On Measure Q... The Multi-Billion Dollar Sales Tax Increase!\***

**Ontario Sales Tax could reach nearly \$2 Billion dollars Every Decade it's collected.\* That's Billions in new tax revenue for Tax and Spend Politicians to use on their pet projects.**

**100% Increase**

**The city raised and spent over \$103 Million in Sales Tax revenue in 2020-21 and estimates \$107M in 2022-23. Now the politicians want you to approve Doubling the Sales Tax Rate which could reach nearly \$200 Million dollars a year.\***

**"Forever Tax"**

**There is no sunset provision in Measure Q. Once enacted, this tax Never Ends without another ballot measure and voter approval.**

**Unnecessary**

**Politicians Promise to fund improvements for projects that are already funded with current taxes, fees, and utility payments.**

**Alternatives**

**There are alternative ways to "secure Ontario's long-term financial stability." For example, the City of Redlands has a ballot measure to increase the business license fee of distribution centers, like warehouses, which won't burden residents.**

**Wrong Time**

**Every family in Ontario is dealing with rising gas and food prices and an increased cost of living. This is the worst time to burden hard-working residents with another cost increase.**

**No Guarantees**

**The money is not earmarked for any project, and it has no provisions to guarantee that money will be spent on the Politician's Promised "goodie list."**

**No Oversight Committee**

**This measure, unlike many others, offers no independent oversight committee to guarantee our tax dollars are spent wisely.**

**Hardest Hit**

**The Measure Q Tax Increase is not trivial in the harsh reality of today's economy. Sales Taxes are regressive and hit working families the hardest.**

**Vote No On Measure Q**

**\*Estimates based on Ontario City Budget.**

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