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Session

SENATE TAXATION

EXHIBIT NO. 6

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BILL NO. SB 157

MONTANA

NFIB/Montana is issuing this special fax ballot on sales tax legislation to assist its lobbying team in taking positions and supporting concepts that will agree with the majority of its membership.

This issue will be at the forefront in the Legislature this month. Your advice will be used in our discussion of this issue. Please complete this form and return it per the instructions at the bottom.

Should Montana enact a general broad-based sales tax (transaction, not gross receipts)?

~~62%~~ Yes (please continue on)

~~31%~~ No (stop here and return the form or continue to provide input, despite your opposition)

Should a sales tax be enacted by the Legislature or a vote of the people?

~~51%~~ Legislature

~~49%~~ People

If the Legislature enacts a sales tax, should it eventually be referred to the people?

~~12%~~ Yes

~~36%~~ No

Should this voter referral take place before the sales tax is in effect, or after it has been enacted for a period of time?

~~60%~~ Before enactment

~~40%~~ After enactment. How long? 1 yr. to 3 yr

Should a sales tax include a "sunset" or provision that it must be voted on to remain in effect?

~~59%~~ Yes. Frequency of vote? _____

~~41%~~ No

If a sales tax is enacted, should it reduce another tax (income or property)?

~~80%~~ Yes

~~46%~~ Individual Income Tax. By what amount/means? N/A

~~19%~~ Capital Gains. By what amount/means? _____

~~61%~~ Property. By what amount/means? /

~~20%~~ No

If a sales tax is enacted, should it replace another tax (income or property)?

64% Yes

28% Individual Income Tax. By what amount/means? N/A

09% Capital Gains. By what amount/means? /

35% Property. By what amount/means? /

34% No

Should a sales tax be revenue neutral (no new revenue)?

56% Yes

42% No

Would you support a sales tax that was revenue-neutral to Montanans, but increased revenue from non-residents?

72% Yes

28% No

Should a sales tax be on just one or both of goods and services?

69% Goods ONLY

9% Services ONLY 0%

31% BOTH

Should a sales tax exempt any of the following (check all that apply):

66% Groceries

70% Utilities

71% Pharmaceuticals

74% Business-to-business transactions

09% Other. Specify N/A

02% No exemptions

Should a sales tax include a "seasonality" component (only in place during certain months or increased during certain months)?

31% Yes. Only in place certain months ___ Increased during certain months ___

69% No

Your questions and/or comments are extremely important to us. Feel free to add them here, on a separate sheet, or mail/e-mail us using the contact info below.

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THANK YOU!**