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Darling: I Oppose Higher Taxes, Including a County Sales Tax Hike

Wasserman: I oppose tax hikes too; except for that one...and that one...and that one....

(Milwaukee) When they go to the polls on November 4th, Milwaukee County voters will be asked whether the sales tax should rise by a penny per dollar. The advisory referendum will gauge public support for a proposal to triple the local sales tax to help pay for more government spending. Milwaukee County resident and state senator Alberta Darling (R-River Hills) says she will be voting against the suggested sales tax hike.

“As usual, the tax and spend crowd is looking for more of your money,” said Darling. “Higher taxes aren’t the answer. Prioritizing needs and spending what the government already takes in more responsibly is.”

Both Darling and her opponent in the race for the 8th State Senate seat, Rep. Sheldon Wasserman (D-Shorewood) have signed the American’s for Tax Reform that reads: “I will oppose and vote against any and all efforts to increase taxes.”

While Darling has kept her word, Wasserman has repeatedly broken his. Far from opposing tax increases, Wasserman *authored* one tax hike (cigarettes), spoken favorably of another tax increase (on hospitals) and suggested he would even consider a third (a North Shore sales tax). Wasserman compounded his dishonesty by then falsely claiming on campaign mailings to voters that he kept his pledge to oppose tax hikes.

Darling said voters deserve to know where the candidates stand on this issue.

“On November 4th, I’ll be making another strong stand against tax increases,” said Darling. “Given my opponent’s record of signing anti-tax pledges one day and then supporting tax hikes the next, voters deserve to know if he plans to start honoring his word or if he’ll just be supporting higher taxes again.”

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