



# EXTRA! EXTRA!

Have you heard the news?

## MINNESOTA HAS AN “EXTRA” PROPERTY TAX

People often say the property tax is the most complicated of all taxes. But one thing we assume about property taxes – the taxes are used for our local services.

**Well, it's not that simple in Minnesota.**

Here, business pays an extra property tax. It doesn't stay in our communities, but instead it gets sent to the State of Minnesota, where it adds to the existing state budget surplus and the nearly \$38 billion in annual spending.

### Want to learn more?

Here are the facts about Minnesota's extra property tax:

**Fact #1** – The average business in Minnesota pays more to the State of Minnesota in property taxes than it pays separately to any of our local governments – schools, townships, cities or counties.

**Fact #2** – Businesses in the metropolitan area pay the 6th highest property taxes in the country – higher than Massachusetts, New Jersey and even California.

**Fact #3** – Because the tax is on auto-pilot, it increases each year. Soon, this tax will take \$1 billion every year out of our local economies. That's money that could be used for higher wages for workers or summer jobs for teens.

It's hard enough to create jobs without adding special taxes on our job creators. Let's reduce Minnesota's extra property tax and keep that money back home in our communities.

The Minnesota Department of Revenue reports that a reduction in the business property tax benefits workers and consumers far more than owners of businesses.

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Since 2002, over \$10 billion has left our local communities to pay for Minnesota's extra property tax.

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