

Proposal 1: An Unreasonable Proposal from the Bosses

- Sales taxes would go up from six cents on the dollar to seven – a 16% increase. That's a cut in our income.
- Taxes we pay on gasoline taxes to go up by about 50%.
- Car registration to go up – as much as \$40 or \$50 a year.
- Money can be drained from the public schools, to be handed over to privately run, for-profit business schools.
- Railroads, which legally are supposed to fix railroad crossings, will be given three million dollars a year of state tax money to do their own maintenance work – taken out of the roads fund.
- For two years, little new money will go to the roads – most of it will go to the banks to pay debt service on old bonds. The banks get the first 1.2 billion dollars.
- While some parts of Proposal 1 will increase money to schools, other parts will cut money. The politicians say the schools will get more – but politicians have been known to lie!
- Eventually some money may go to roads – but which roads? The legislature will decide. Do you trust them?
- Mass transit will get a small increase – but which mass transit? Not buses to get to jobs. No, it will be the M-1 rail project, built to funnel people to the downtown stadiums.
- Part of the income tax credits that low wage workers lost in 2011 may be restored – but in total they get less than what they lost.

*Here's a reasonable proposal:
Make the corporations and banks that got billions
in tax breaks pay back their stolen money!
Use that to fix the roads!*