

King of the tax-raisers likes to spend money

The recent announcement that our state is facing a multi-billion dollar deficit is not a surprise to anyone who has watched how our state government has wildly spent money the past few years.

The proposed Harrisburg solution is to come back to the taxpayers for more money in the form of a massive tax increase. I'm not surprised that this would be the mindset of those in Harrisburg, because they have lost touch with real people and the struggles we face.

Raising taxes at a time when our economy is heading in the wrong direction is the politician's easy answer but absolutely the wrong solution. As your state representative, I will fight this tax increase. I believe that it is unfair to ask the taxpayers to pay for the errors in the ways of the Harrisburg politicians.

With the high cost of gas, home heating oil, property taxes, health care, and the credit crunch, we cannot force the middle class to pay more. For the people I have met while going door to door, it is just unfair...but more importantly it will be backbreaking.

The first thing that we must do is look at ways to cut the wasteful spending and mismanagement of our state government. Our government must get back to adopting budgets that protect us and not the politician's pet projects and special interests. The short and long term solution for this is to "just say no" to our state government's endless desire to spend your money.

For many reading this, the idea of slowing down their spending seems like a logical choice. It is to me as well, but then again I am not part of the Harrisburg culture. These tough times require representation that is not part of the "good ol' boys."

Take for example my opponent state Rep. Chris King. When he was running for office King promised that he would never support a tax increase. Once he got elected, he has changed his tune. Now he supports increasing the income and sales tax! That is bad for you...for me...and for our families.

Not only does King want to raise your taxes, but he also wants to spend more too! King voted to increase government spending above the rate of inflation. These budgets also borrowed record sums of money that will inevitably have to be paid back by not just us, but our children and grandchildren.

As our economy grinds to a halt, we need leaders who are going to support pro-taxpayer and pro-growth policies. We need elected officials who will not balance the budget on the back of the middle class. If we managed our households the way these bigspending politicians have managed our state government we would be bankrupt too!

You can count on Chris King to do two things: 1. Raise your taxes, and 2. Spend your money. It's time to say "NO!" and put community first.

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