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Welcome to Washington Eagle Forum's e-blast Noteworthy with articles and issues you need to note to be an informed and engaged citizen. We hope you will read it, print it, and forward it on to family and friends!

1 - Alive From New York City – See Life Clearly



On May 4 Focus on the Family will make a bold statement for life in New York's Time Square by showing live 4-D ultrasounds on the gigantic digital screen." We'll see an unborn baby's face. It is a child and we want everyone to see it."

"Today's ultrasound technology allows us to lift the veil a bit – to see not a faceless fetus, but a child: her eyes, her ears, her nose, her hands. Not a lump of formless clay, but a divine creation, a living work of art and beauty and promise." Please join Washington Eagle Forum in prayer covering this event

LINK: <https://pluggedin.focusonthefamily.com/a-small-life-larger-than-life/>

2 - ACTION: Sign A Declaration for Life



"This is the moment we unite with one voice to say "No more" to the culture of death." Be a voice for life by adding your name to the Declaration using the link below, then **forward this e-mail on to others!**

https://focusonthefamily.webconnex.com/co-new-york-abortion-response?visitorid=746db872-cb1a-449d-8c4b-2aeefaf61528&extra_data=%7B%7D#_ga=2.54515560.1352286745.1550242367-2045903255.1524686850

3 – Meanwhile in Olympia...



Lawmakers in Olympia are continuing their rounds of committee hearings this week, while budget writers work behind the scenes on state spending and tax plans for the 2019-21 biennium.

The revenue forecast released Wednesday shows legislators have \$50.5 billion to work with— 9.6 % more money than current spending levels of about \$46.1 billion. Records show Washington residents now pay the highest tax burden ever.

The Governor and Democrats in the legislature have called for tax increases on top of these higher revenues, including a \$3.7 billion capital gains income tax and hikes in business taxes, boosting spending to nearly \$55.0 billion if the governor's plan is enacted.

In contrast, Republican lawmakers are calling for tax cuts to ease the burden on businesses and consumers.

The Washington Supreme Court this week took up a case on whether the state Department of Ecology has the authority to order utilities, oil refineries and other energy suppliers to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The department tried to impose such rules in 2016, after the legislature rejected the so-called "cap-and-trade" system proposed by Governor Inslee in 2015. A trial court ruled later ruled that the department exceeded its authority.

The court is expected to rule on the case in the coming months.

LINK: <https://www.washingtonvotes.org/>

4 - “Fight for your families, your son’s and your daughters” Nehemiah 4:14



One of the greatest battles for pro-family citizens this legislative session is over SB 5395 – a monstrous comprehensive sex education bill that give the state sole power to decide the content of sex education taking local control away from your school and from the parents and school board they elected to represent them. Passed 28 to 21 in the Senate and is now in the House Ed Committee.

****ACTION: Call your legislators and ask them to vote no on SB 5395 1.800.562.6000****
LINK: <http://www.fpiw.org/2019-legislative-session/#toggle-id-1>



5 - Stop them AGAIN! Tell Olympia NO! 1.800.562.6000

State lawmakers are enjoying a revenue (tax) boom that significantly exceeds previous estimates, but instead of finding ways to return money to tax payers they are doubling down on raising you taxes by imposing a state income tax...by NOT calling it an income tax.

Washington state voters have rejected an income tax TEN TIMES. Yet after ten failures, rather than take that as an indication that perhaps Washington shouldn't have an income tax, Senate Democrats have chosen to wage a disinformation campaign by calling it a capital gains tax.

Democrats are going to try to sell voters the myth that a tax on capital gains isn't really an income tax, but an "excise" tax. That simply isn't true.

No other state calls capital gains an excise tax. The IRS views capital gains as an income tax. Common sense tells us profit derived from an investment is income.

Senate Democrats want an income tax despite voters repeated rejection of it. WE MUST STOP THEM AGAIN!!

LINK: <https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/publications/detail/state-budget-revenue-forecast-for-2019-21-now-at-505-billion-up-96-percent-over-expected-revenues-for-2017-19-period>

****ACTION: Call your legislators and tell them NO capital gains/excise/state income tax 1.800.562.6000****

6 – Carbon Tax Means Even More Taxing at the Pump



Despite defeating a carbon tax at the ballot box last fall, the democrats are moving several new versions through the legislature this session, some of which could be larger than the one voters defeated last year.

LINK: <https://www.washingtonpolicy.org/publications/detail/carbon-taxes-are-back-heres-what-it-might-cost-you>

****ACTION: Call your legislators and remind them voters have spoken: NO Carbon Tax 1.800.562.6000****

7 – WA Legislators Move Bill to Legalize Homelessness Statewide



Democratic lawmakers passed through committee legislation that would usurp the authority of city governments and legalize camping in all “plazas, courtyards, parking lots, sidewalks, public transportation facilities, public buildings, shopping centers, parks, [and] natural and wildlife areas” throughout the state.

LINK: https://www.discovery.org/a/when-compassion-is-contempt/?fbclid=IwAR361sO8_F-1DXARdiXyYsfl8su1eaEg1TM-FpZlQmRb7ulczAmUoauh6p8

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