



**THEY ALREADY TAX OUR WORK.
DON'T LET THEM TAX OUR PLAY.**

The Ticket Tax is Back!

With the help of thousands of fans across Michigan we were able to defeat a proposed Ticket Tax in 2007.

Now we need to do it again!

The Governor and the State Legislature are seriously considering a new “Luxury Tax” of 6% on all tickets to attend professional or college sporting events, concerts, shows and maybe even movies in Michigan. Their plans are being drafted behind close doors, so we don't have all the details but it is estimated that this new tax will increase ticket prices by over \$100 million per year:

- **\$20-\$25 million per year tax on sports tickets** for Tigers, Red Wings, Pistons, Lions, Michigan International Speedway, minor league baseball and hockey.
- **\$40-\$50 million per year tax on shows and performances** like those at the Fox Theater, Palace, DTE, Meadow Brook, Purple Rose Theater. Interlochen and DeVos arena for shows like Sesame Street Live, Lion King, the Ice Capades, White Christmas and performances by the American Idols.
- **\$10-\$15 million on all college sports like MSU basketball**, UM football and Lake Superior hockey and any other college sport that charges an admission.
- **\$30-\$35 million per year tax on movie tickets to every movie** in every movie theater in the state:

A family of four with season tickets to the Tigers would be forced to pay new taxes ranging from \$230 to more than \$1,200 per year.

A family of four with season tickets to the Red Wings would be forced to pay new taxes from \$597 to more than \$1,900 per year.

We Must Stop the Ticket Tax

The Ticket Tax Targets Families, College Students, Kids and Teenagers

Taking your family to a ball game, a show, or a movie is one of the most cherished traditions in Michigan. It's not a luxury. It's the way we spend our hard earned money after all the taxes are taken out of our paychecks and all the bills are paid. It's how teenagers spend their babysitting money and kids spend their allowances.

The Ticket Tax Targets Working Families

This isn't a tax on the teams, the players or the artists – it's a tax directly on the fans. Most of the tickets to attend sporting events, shows and movies are not purchased by corporations and the wealthy. Michigan's working families purchase them. Families that are struggling today to survive today's difficult economic conditions in our state. Families that already pay income taxes and sales taxes on almost everything else they buy.

If Lansing is going to Tax Our Work...Don't Touch Our Play

The Legislature raise income tax across the board on working families and retirees. Why add an additional burden on Michigan's working families?

The Highest Ticket Tax in the Region

The Ticket Tax would give Michigan the highest sports and entertainment ticket tax in the region. Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania have a "0" tax on family fun.

A Tough Economy and a Ticket Tax Doesn't Add Up

Tough economic times are forcing Michigan families to seek entertainment venues closer to home. Once we pay our bills, a few extra dollars to attend a game or a show are harder to come by. Adding \$100 in taxes to the cost of those tickets might just put the cost of a family night out for a concert or a ball game out of reach.

The Legislature May Take Action on The Ticket Tax Without a Public Hearing

All the negotiations are going on behind closed doors. The state Legislature may take this tax up without a public committee hearing, which would give fans across Michigan an opportunity to tell them how ticked off they are about this ticket tax. That's why people need to act today to contact their legislator today. This may be the only chance to tell your lawmakers what you think about this ticket tax idea.

How We Can Stop the Ticket Tax:

1. **Contact the Governor, your State Representative and your State Senator. Tell them you oppose the Ticket Tax. Spending time with your family is not a luxury to be taxed.**
2. **If you don't know your legislators' email or phone number, go to NoTicketTax.com. There you will find links to the Governor's email and to email addresses and phone numbers for your State Representative and State Senator.**
3. **Or call 1-877-No-TK-Tax (1-877-688-5529) to get the phone numbers you need to call for the Governor and legislative leaders.**
4. **Sign up to become a member of Fans Against the Ticket Tax (FATT) at the web site and friend us at FATT on Facebook to stay in touch and learn when you can help to beat the Ticket Tax AGAIN!**

Email Today...Call Today...Act Today
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