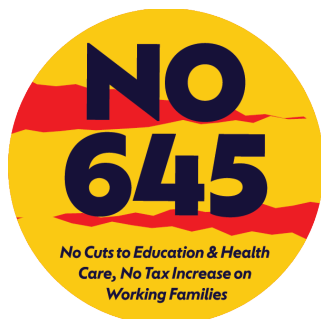




NO on 645

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LET'S GO, WASHINGTON! DONALD TRUMP "ATTACKS WA MILLIONAIRES TAX" AND GIVES BOOST TO INITIATIVE 645

"Trump attacks WA Millionaires Tax as he endorses GOP candidate"

SEATTLE, WA — This week, the coalition supporting I-645, the fiscally irresponsible measure to repeal the Millionaires Tax, grew a bit larger - oh yes it did! Not willing to settle for just Republican former Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler, multimillionaire hedge fund mogul Brian Heywood added the biggest name of all to his supporters list: **Donald J. Trump, the President of the United States.**

In an endorsement of Republican Rep. Michael Baumgartner, Trump (unprompted) [denounced](#) Washington's Millionaires Tax, and gave a big boost to Initiative 645. Baumgartner is also a strong supporter of I-645.

"Opposing I-645 are teachers, small business owners, and nurses. Supporting I-645 are wealthy hedge fund moguls like Brian Heywood

who want to lower their own taxes, and now Heywood has the support of Donald Trump, the world's most famous wealthy mogul who wants to lower his own taxes," said Erik Houser, spokesperson for No on 645. "Trump, the most unpopular president in our state's history, and our nation's most corrupt and fiscally irresponsible president, is now aligning with a ballot measure that would take billions in tax relief from working and middle class families to line the pockets of the very wealthy, while blowing a huge hole in the state budget. So his statement isn't exactly a surprise"

In contrast, opposing I-645 are teachers, the Washington Education Association, and the American Federation of Teachers, Washington; nurses and the Washington State Nurses Association; Planned Parenthood advocates; and a large coalition of small businesses.

Lately on the No side...

King County Executive Girmay Zahilay, Pierce County Executive Ryan Mello, and Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers headlined a list of more than 100 local, state, and federal elected officials from across Washington who are urging their voters to vote no on I-645. Mayors, City Councilmembers, and School Board Directors are on the full list [here](#).

Also joining the No coalition last week were the two most prominent advocacy organizations in Washington that work to address climate change and conservation. Washington Conservation Action and the Sierra Club have both endorsed No on 645, joining a list of dozens of advocacy organizations and labor unions that are urging their members to vote No.

These endorsements continue the No campaign's significant momentum with less than a month until most Washingtonians begin voting.

- The No campaign has broad public support as shown in multiple polls released by the campaign, with I-645 failing by double digits in both polls.
- Also last week, No on 645 started airing its first [television ad](#) of the race, and expects to be on the air through Election Day. The ad

outlines how I-645 will make Washington's upside down tax system even worse, as hedge fund mogul Brian Heywood seeks to give himself and his wealthy friends a \$13 billion tax cut while driving up costs for everyone else.

- The Yes side continues to juggle two campaign committees and weak fundraising. They have failed to earn key endorsements, including [losing the endorsement](#) of the Seattle Times Editorial Board.

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