NO on 645

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SEATTLE TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD ENDORSES 'NO' AND URGES WASHINGTONIANS TO REJECT I-645 AND OPPOSE REPEAL OF THE MILLIONAIRES TAX

Editorial Board: "[I-645's] passage would make it harder for Gov. Bob Ferguson and state lawmakers to effectively govern the state. Voters should say no."

SEATTLE, WA — In an important campaign development, the *Seattle Times* Editorial Board today published their endorsement urging voters to vote 'No' on I-645, the ballot measure sponsored by hedge fund mogul Brian Heywood that would repeal the Millionaires Tax.

In their endorsement against I-645, the Editorial Board writes in part:

> *"...the initiative would ultimately worsen Washington state's budget problems, producing deeper cuts to state services and likely spurring further, more damaging tax hikes in coming years.*

> *“The initiative doesn’t cleanly repeal the state’s novel high-earners income tax policy. The authors preserved the parts of the policy they like and jettisoned what they didn’t. Its passage would make it harder for Gov. Bob Ferguson and state lawmakers to effectively govern the state.* ***Voters should say no****...*
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> *“While previous income tax proposals have failed in the state, a November 2025 poll conducted by DHM Research found 61% of respondents, including 54% of Republicans, are supportive of such a tax on millionaires. With President Donald Trump in the White House and a Republican Congress gutting the federal social safety net, a majority of Washingtonians appear to believe the state should step in and meet that obligation.*
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> *“Yes, lawmakers did not do enough this past session to provide meaningful tax relief to those who need it most. But a flawed initiative stapled over faulty policy does not fix the state’s budget problems. Don’t toss the tax. Vote no.”*

No on 645 is a broad statewide coalition of nurses, teachers, child care providers, and small businesses that oppose I-645, which would cut funding for education and health care and put critical tax breaks for working families and businesses at risk.

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