

FUND SERVICES TO MAKE WASHINGTON MORE AFFORDABLE

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Washington is facing a \$14 billion revenue shortfall.

Washington State's tax code is upside-down and backward and asks far more of working families than it does the wealthiest few. As a result, state revenues have not increased relative to the growth of the state.

This dynamic, coupled with Congressional inaction nationally, means that state and local governments must do much more to help families thrive.

THE PROBLEM

Without new, progressive sources of revenue, the Legislature will make deep, unsustainable cuts in Healthcare, Housing, Higher Education, Public Safety, Child Welfare, and Parks.

Without intervention, Washington State will not be able to deliver on promised infrastructure like replacing the I-5 Bridge over the Columbia River, freight mobility through our ports, and transit services that all Washingtonians rely on.

THE SOLUTION

Lawmakers need to raise new revenue to fund those programs that help people pay their bills and live safely in their communities by making mega-millionaires, billionaires, and the wealthiest corporations pay their fair share.

- **Preserving the services we use every day will help working families keep their jobs,** secure childcare, get to and from work safely, and achieve the education and training they need to improve their lives.
- **New revenue will help fund essential transportation infrastructure** like bridge construction, electrifying the ferry fleet in the Puget Sound, and building a new highway in Spokane, among others.
- In November, Washingtonians across the state voted to preserve education and childcare funding, as well as modern energy investments and clean water, and access to care for seniors and disabled people. **In every congressional district, voters supported a tax paid by the wealthiest individuals in Washington. The Legislature should honor those values by doing the same in Olympia.**



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