

## ACTION ALERT

Governor Fallin and top legislators are seeking to further reduce and eliminate Oklahoma's personal income tax. The next few months are crucial in this debate with huge implications for Oklahoma.

### WHY IT'S CRITICAL TO SAVE THE INCOME TAX

1. **Income tax provides one-third of all state revenue.** The state could not provide essential services without the income tax unless other taxes were drastically increased.
2. **Plans to shift away from income tax would take more from those already struggling to get by.** Proposals to end broad tax preferences like the personal exemption and sales tax relief credit would result in low and moderate income seniors and families with children paying more while wealthy households pay less. Shifting to higher sales and property taxes would also disproportionately harm struggling families.
3. **Ending the income tax is not the path to prosperity.** Oklahoma already has lower unemployment and stronger income growth over the last decade than six out of the nine states with no income tax, including Texas. Far more important to economic development is a healthy and educated workforce, public safety, and transportation infrastructure—all of which require investments made possible by the income tax.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO TODAY

1. **Get Informed.** Resources to learn more about the income tax debate are freely available at <http://okpolicy.org/take-action>.
2. **Sign up for e-mail alerts.** Sign-up at <http://bit.ly/dontcutok> to receive e-mails about the latest developments, as well as opportunities to get involved.
3. **Spread the word in your community.** This effort is bringing together a diverse coalition of Oklahomans. Please speak out in your community and let us know of any groups who we might reach out to about this issue. For example: Rotary clubs, neighborhood associations, or local chambers of commerce.
4. **Contact your legislator.** State legislators don't often hear directly from their constituents, and it makes a real difference when they do. Send the message that they should prioritize investments over cuts and not shift taxes onto those who can afford it least. Find your legislators' contact information at <http://okpolicy.org/find-your-legislator>. You can also reach the House switchboard at (405) 521-2711 and the Senate switchboard at (405) 524-0126.

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