

WHAT STATE ATTORNEY
GENERAL BOB FERGUSON
WANTS TO DO TO ANTI-TAX
INITIATIVE PROMOTER
TIM EYMAN...



Eyman's attorney responds to Attorney General's press conference where he announced a lawsuit which seeks to impose a \$2.1 million fine & a lifetime ban on all future political activity by Eyman:

From: Mark Lamb
Sent: Friday, March 31, 2017 12:55 PM

For all of the heated rhetoric earlier today, this dispute is simple: whether two transactions from 5 years ago needed to be included on 2012's campaign reports. The Attorney General believes they should, we do not. From the beginning, Mr. Eyman has made clear he did nothing wrong and the money he received 5 years ago was lawfully earned for the services he provided. The Attorney General has filed a suit against my clients today because (with the statute of limitations looming) these claims would have otherwise been time-barred. Many plaintiffs overreach and file a kitchen sink of claims when they are faced with a statute of limitations deadline.

Just last year the Attorney General attempted several politically motivated campaign finance prosecutions that have been dismissed on summary judgment. Just this week, the Supreme Court denied the Attorney General's request for direct review in one of these failed prosecutions. The more I have examined the State's claims in this matter the less impressed I am. Mr. Eyman has the same First Amendment rights as the Attorney General himself. **It is chilling that the stated purpose of this action is to permanently bar him from participating in the political process in this State.**

Cases are litigated in court, not press conferences. Indeed, in Washington state the special responsibilities of a prosecutor include the obligation to, "refrain from making extrajudicial comments that have a substantial likelihood of heightening public condemnation of the accused." I will leave it to others to decide if this morning's press conference meets that standard.

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Please. I need your help. The Attorney General is suing me for \$2.1 million and wants to impose on me a lifetime ban on all future political activity.

Dear Friend:

On Friday March 31st, Democrat Attorney General Bob Ferguson held a splashy press conference in Olympia to announce that he's filing a lawsuit against me. He's suing me for \$2.1 million and wants to impose on me a lifetime ban on all future political activity. It's a stunning witch-hunt that's been going on for a while. For the past 5 years, the AG has been investigating me and it has been incredibly stressful, burdensome, and costly to me and my family. Enclosed is a statement by my attorney which provides important details.

I gotta tell ya, this is scary, really scary. I don't have \$2.1 million – not even close. And I certainly don't want my First Amendment rights taken away. The costs associated with an aggressive legal defense will be incredibly expensive. I need help, a lot of help.

I've established a legal defense fund. I need to raise \$600,000. To get it started, I've borrowed \$250,000 from a 2nd mortgage on my home. I need to quickly raise these funds to aggressively respond to the Attorney General's attack on me.

For 18 years, I've been working my tail off fighting for taxpayers. During that time, we've accomplished a lot together. We've saved taxpayers over \$35 billion in direct tax savings (from lower car tabs and our cap on property tax increases). On top of that, taxpayers have saved billions more from our various initiatives that made it tougher to raise taxes (which voters approved in 2007, 2010, 2012, and 2015).

I've repeatedly put myself out there. Time and time again, I've taken out a \$250,000 2nd mortgage on my home to help our initiatives qualify for the ballot. I did that because I wanted our efforts to succeed.

I really need your help. The Attorney General's legal assault has already been and will continue to be tremendously expensive and financially burdensome to me and my family.

I implore you: please help me get through this. I'm really counting on you. Thanks.



Regards, Tim Eyman, cell: 509-991-5295, email: tim_eyman@comcast.net

Please consider this request:

* Support for Tim's legal defense (made payable to "Tim Eyman Legal Defense Fund")
Request amount: I leave that up to you. Please do your best. I really need your help.

Please mail your check using the enclosed envelope (**mail to: Tim Eyman Legal Defense Fund, 11913 59th Ave W, Mukilteo, WA, 98275**). Thanks again for all your help and support over the years. I really appreciate it.



Track record over the last 18 years

To: My friends

From: Tim Eyman

I have been fighting for taxpayers for 18 years.

- 1997 – Initiative 200 – banned racial and gender preferences in public education, public employment, and public contracting.
- 1998 – Initiative 691 – lowered car tab taxes
- 1999 – Initiative 695 – \$30 car tabs and voter approval for tax increases.
- 2000 – Initiative 722 – 2% cap on property tax increases
- 2001 – Initiative 747 – 1% cap on property tax increases
- 2002 – Initiative 776 – \$30 car tabs
- 2003 – Initiative 807 – reestablishing state tax and spending limits
- 2004 – Initiative 864 – 25% reduction in property taxes
- 2005 – Initiative 900 – state auditor now does performance audits of state/local government agencies
- 2006 – Initiative 917 – \$30 car tabs

These early initiatives have saved taxpayers \$35.85 billion (2000-2016).

But in the last 10 years, my mission has been focused on protecting taxpayers from tax increases:

- * 2007's Initiative 960 reestablished the 2/3 vote requirement for the Legislature to raise taxes.
NO TAX INCREASES IN 2008 AND 2009
- * 2008's Initiative 985 improved transportation using existing taxes instead of raising taxes.
- * 2009's Initiative 1033 capped the growth of government, preventing tax increases without a public vote.
- * 2010's Initiative 1053 reestablished the 2/3 right after the Legislature repealed it. We raised money but it wasn't enough, so during the signature drive, Tim loaned the campaign \$250,000 from a line of credit secured by a 2nd mortgage on his home. We qualified and 65% of voters approved it.
- * 2011's Initiative 1125 put strict limits on transportation taxes, especially tolls (**NO TAX INCREASES**)
- * 2012's Initiative 1185 renewed the 2/3 requirement (**2 SMALL TAX INCREASES**)
- * 2013's Initiative 517 protected the initiative process (**NO TAX INCREASES**)
- * 2014's Initiative 1325 pushing for a 2/3-for-taxes constitutional amendment (**NO TAX INCREASES**)
- * 2015's Initiative 1366 pushing for a 2/3-for-taxes constitutional amendment.
- * 2016 pushed for the referral of a 2/3-for-taxes constitutional amendment (**NO TAX INCREASES**)
- * 2017's Initiative 1550 the Property Tax Fairness Initiative

Taxpayers have benefited tremendously from these successes. **This is a great track record of achievement. Hope you'll support my efforts.**



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