

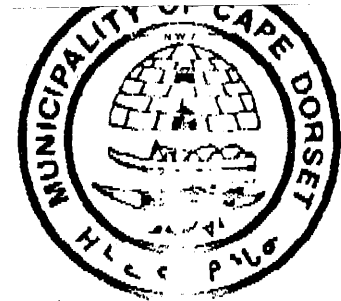


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DEAR JOE:

I AM WRITING CONCERNING THE TAX OPTIONS DISCUSSION PAPER  
TO BE TABLED AT THIS SESSION OF THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

WHEN I REVIEWED THE PAPER, I FELT THAT INCREASING TAXES  
IN LIQUOR AND CIGARETTES WAS NOT A PROBLEM BECAUSE IF PEOPLE  
CANNOT AFFORD THEM, THEY CAN BUY LESS OR QUIT. I ALSO  
FEEL THAT A SMALL INCREASE IN PERSONAL TAXES MIGHT NOT  
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE TO INDIVIDUALS BUT COULD RAISE A  
LOT OF MONEY FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

HOWEVER, I FEEL THAT A SALES TAX WOULD HURT THE PEOPLE  
MORE THAN IT WOULD HELP. IF PEOPLE CANNOT AFFORD IT  
THEY CANNOT STOP BUYING THOSE THINGS THEY WILL JUST GET  
LESS FOR THEIR MONEY. IT COULD ALSO CAUSE MORE EXPENSE  
TO THE GOVERNMENT BY MAKING SOCIAL ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS  
GET HIGHER AND ALSO GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES MAY ASK FOR PAY  
INCREASES AND THERE WILL BE ALOT OF INFLATION. PRICES  
ARE ALREADY TOO HIGH IN THE NORTH AND THIS WILL PROBABLY  
JUST CAUSE EVERYONE TO RAISE THEIR PRICES HIGHER.

ALSO, A TAX RAISE ON GASOLINE WOULD HURT MANY OF THE HUNTERS  
WHO ARE ALREADY IN TROUBLE AND NOT MAKING MUCH. BESIDES  
THAT IN OUR COMMUNITY THE MAIN BUYER OF GASOLINE BESIDES  
HUNTERS IN GOVERNMENT AND WE'LL JUST BE SPENDING MORE  
GOVERNMENT MONEY. ALSO, THE GASOLINE AND CORPORATE TAX  
INCREASES MIGHT HURT ANY BUSINESSES TRYING TO GET STARTED  
AND WILL SLOW DOWN PRIVATE ENTERPRISE IN THE NORTH.

THESE ARE THE ONLY COMMENTS I HAVE TO MAKE. I DON'T THINK  
THE ASSEMBLY SHOULD ONLY THINK ABOUT THE EXTRA REVENUES,  
BECAUSE THEY MIGHT END UP GETTING PAID BY THE GOVERNMENT  
ANYWAY THROUGH INFLATION OF GOVERNMENT SALARIES AND SOCIAL  
ASSISTANCE PAYMENTS. ALSO WE DONT WANT TO HURT HUNTERS  
OR NEW BUSINESSES WHICH WILL SLOW DOWN NEW EMPLOYMENT.

SINCERELY,

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MAYOR