

No Seat At The Table For The Common Man

P.A.V.E. Act - New Metropolitan Public Transit Authority (MPTA) Legislation

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LET'S LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE HERE

- On one side <u>Big Government & Big Business</u> with a \$ 3 Million dollar budget to sell their ideas
- On the other side <u>Everyday Citizens who may not want to pay an extra 1% sales tax</u> who have no money and no organization to make their case
 - You might have heard from these folks. They are <u>your constituents who elected</u> <u>you to serve them</u>

LET'S TALK ABOUT THE MPTA LEGISLATION THAT YOU ARE CONSIDERING TODAY

- No seat at the table on the new MPTA board for the common man
- Taxation without representation
- Very limited range of credentials to serve on the board
 - Mostly white-collar professionals
 - Background in law, finance, engineering, public transportation, urban planning, logistics, government, architecture or economic development
- <u>No voice for</u> nurses, school teachers, fire fighters, commuters, hourly workers and everyday folks

THIS IS NOT RIGHT

 No voice on the board for the greater majority of citizens who do not have the required credentials and are being asked to foot a \$ 18 Billion dollar tax bill

YOU HAVE A CHOICE

- Vote <u>Yes</u> to approve the new MPTA legislation and <u>the common man will have no seat</u> at the table
- Vote <u>No</u> to approve the new MPTA legislation and <u>the P.A.V.E act goes back to Raleigh</u> for revisions and <u>improvements</u>

THE COMMON MAN DESERVES AT SEAT AT THE TABLE

- After all <u>folks like you and me</u> (they) are <u>being asked to foot a \$ 18 Billion dollar tax bill</u> and deserve a seat at the MPTA table
- It is going to require a lot of guts by you to vote NO but it is the right thing to do
 - STAND UP FOR THE LITTLE PEOPLE vote NO