

TAXATION WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

MPTA BOARD

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MEMBERS ONLY
REGULAR CITIZENS
NEED NOT APPLY



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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PUBLIC HEARING – Comments By Garland Green

LET'S LOOK AT WHAT WE HAVE HERE

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

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

THE COMMON MAN DESERVES AT SEAT AT THE TABLE

- After all folks like you and me (they) are being asked to foot a \$ 18 Billion dollar tax bill 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