



LOWER THE INCOME TAX

Twice, Coloradans have voted to lower the state income tax – most recently in 2022. As an independent state that tends to want government out of people’s lives, voters prefer the state government spends the money it already has in a more responsible way. Yet, the government is seeing record growth and an expansion of wasteful spending. We need to put more money back into people’s pockets. Affordability is a top concern of Coloradans, and our state should continue to make cuts to our income tax to remain competitive and ensure working families can thrive.

What liberal politicians have given you:

- **WASTEFUL SPENDING THAT FAILS TO SOLVE PROBLEMS:** In the last two decades, state appropriations for each Coloradan has risen 28%. Health Care receives 36% of the state budget (a 17% increase over 20 years), but 67% of Coloradans believe health care costs are still a serious problem. In the same time period, the Department of Education’s funding has expanded by 130%, while public schools continue to fail, with only 40% of students reading and doing math at grade level.
- **MISMANAGEMENT OF THE STATE BUDGET:** Politicians continue to assign money to failing state departments without proposing real fixes. Continuing to do “business as usual” – and grabbing more money to do it – recycles and expands failed systems. Innovation is pushed aside, and needed money for transportation is almost never found.
- **CONSTANT ASKS FOR MORE MONEY:** Liberals consistently attempt to ask for more money on the ballot, claiming it will go to a particular pet project, and telling voters that the state budget is never enough. However, when the extra money is traced, it rarely goes to the problem it was meant to solve, and often gets “lost” in the system.

What Conservatives will do to solve the problems:

- Emphasize accountability: report wasteful spending and highlight unnecessary government programs to demonstrate how spending should be re-prioritized.
- Reveal what’s real: voters deserve to understand what their money is funding and how much of their hard-earned dollars goes to bureaucracy instead of true needs.
- Lower taxes: we will continue to push for legislation and sponsor ballot initiatives that lower the state income tax. Government needs to be more responsible with the funds it already has and get its hands out of our wallets.