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Guest Editorial

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**Vote No! On the 20 Year Macomb Community College Massive Tax Increase**

Macomb Community College (MCC) politicians are trying to sneak a massive property tax increase of \$38 million a year on May 8, 2018. Many people have already received an absentee voter ballot in the mail. Vote against the 20 year, \$38 million a year tax increase because:

1. **The Tax increase is for 20 years!** Technology is improving rapidly. Harvard and Yale offer **free** online college courses <https://www.edx.org/school/harvardx> and <https://oyc.yale.edu/>. Technology improvements allow Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence teaching customized for each student, while Macomb County Taxpayers will be stuck paying the \$38 million a year for 20 years tax for expensive, outdated, under-utilized brick classrooms! Retail shopping malls are closing due to internet shopping. More students choose to avoid the expense and wasted time of driving to classes, instead taking college classes on line at times which fits their work and family schedule.
2. **The \$38 million a year, 20 year tax increase gives University politicians and liberal professors a blank check to implement radical, un-American, anti-Christian, anti-business policies, hire their friends, and hand out sweetheart government contracts.** Our tax dollars are too often used to

brainwash students with radical, harmful ideas like minority job preferences and people can use any bathroom or locker room they want.

3. **The property tax renewal and tax increase are irresponsibly combined into one ballot question!** MCC Politicians are holding taxpayers hostage by combining a renewal and a tax increase in one sentence! Reject this \$38 million tax increase and force MCC Politicians to come back with a separate renewal and separate tax increase in the November election rather than a May election when few people vote.

4. **The current MCC tax doesn't expire until 2020!** Macomb Community College is wasting taxpayer dollars by spending Community College tax collections to have a special county wide election on May 8 rather than putting the tax increase proposal on the November 2018 ballot. Don't reward sneaky, bad politician behavior. Tax increase proposals should only be on the August or November election.

5. **Macomb Community College already gets an inflation rate increase plus growth from new homes and businesses every year!** Macomb Community College's property tax millage has been subject to seven Headlee tax rate rollbacks. Seven Headlee tax rate roll backs demonstrates how rapidly Macomb County new homes and businesses are increasing. These new \$200,000 to \$1 million dollar homes and new businesses generate millions in new taxes. Macomb Community College gets an inflation rate tax increase each year plus new growth! How many homeowners or businesses get an inflation rate increase plus new growth every year? No one!

**6. There are many other physical and online Colleges and Universities in Michigan for students and workers to receive training and certificates.**

Vote No! On the 20 year \$38 million tax increase and force liberal Macomb Community College politicians to live within their budget and return with separate tax renewal and tax increase proposals during the November 2018 ballot when the largest number of taxpayers vote!

*Taxpayers United Michigan Foundation was founded in 1976 by Dick Headlee (deceased 2004) and Bill McMaster to successfully win statewide voter approval of the 1978 Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment. It has evolved into a tax deductible 501(c)(3) under the IRS code as a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational foundation helping educate grassroots taxpayers how to defend and control their Constitutional Rights despite exploitation by unethical public officials and units of government.*