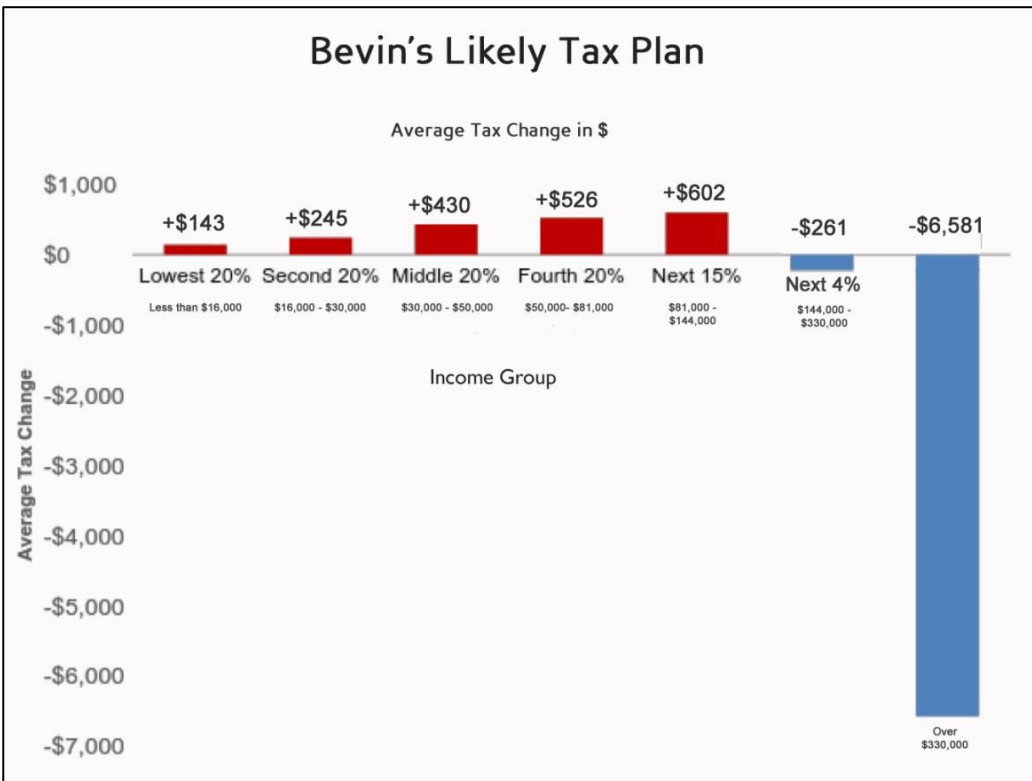


URGENT! STAND UP AGAINST UNFAIR TAXES

Gov. Bevin intends to call legislators back to Frankfort in mid-August to work on TAX REFORM. He has said: "Everything is on the table" to raise revenue. That could mean:

- Taxing GROCERIES
- Taxing MEDICINE
- Lowering the top income tax rate (benefitting the top 5%)



Taxes are a part of life, so shouldn't we collect from everyone equitably so we can invest in Kentucky schools, health, infrastructure and the economy, instead of providing bonuses to the wealthy and special breaks for special interests?



What works?

Taxes should be:

- Fair
- Adequate
- Sustainable

Balanced tax brackets: Lower taxes on low to middle-income earners and ensure that the top 1% pay their fair share. Cutting taxes on the top 1% does not result in a 'trickle-down' effect. This has been proven time and again--most recently in Kansas--resulting in school closures, job losses and more.

Taxes based on income, rather than consumption, have proven to grow revenue over time. States like Tennessee that rely on sales taxes have had to raise taxes over time to generate the revenue they need. Some towns in TN now charge 12% in sales tax. If KY increased our sales tax to offset the proposed income tax cuts for high earners, we would have to increase it to over 14%!

Eliminate Loopholes: It is estimated that Kentucky allows \$12 Billion in tax breaks for special interests and luxury services. This money could be better spent investing in our schools, health care, roads, etc. so that all Kentuckians benefit.

What can you do:

- **Call your state legislators. It's easy!** Tell them to oppose tax reform that shifts the tax burden toward low and middle-income earners and gives tax breaks to the wealthy.
- **Dial 502-564-8100 to talk to your legislator today.**
- Visit kftc.org for updates on this issue. Follow us on Facebook: www.kftc.org/facebook



Kentuckians for the Commonwealth is a statewide grassroots organization, which has been working with a broad set of allies for a brighter future for Kentucky for over 35 years.