



MESSAGE FROM MARSHA

THE ROAD TO UNLIMITED GOVERNMENT SPENDING

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This week the Colorado House debated the most controversial bill of the session, SB228. A bill that derails the decades-old spending cap on the state's operating budget and siphons off billions of dollars in future highway funding and projects.

For decades, Colorado legislators have been restricted to a 6% spending provision, which restricts the growth of state government by no-more than 6% per year. SB228 repeals the spending restriction and replaces it with complicated formulas triggered by personal growth income.

Commissioner Wayne Williams from El Paso County testified against the bill in the House Transportation & Energy Committee and clearly pointed out the flaws in SB228:

- Out of control spending without restrictions by state legislators;
- Complicated formula's triggered by 5% personal growth income;
- An estimated loss of \$600,000,000 of transportation funding over the next five years;
- Funding for transportation projects (7th pot projects) defined in Ref. C may now be jeopardized;
- The Governor's Transportation Commission opposes the bill due to cuts in transportation funds.

During these tough economic times, the worst thing state legislators should do is blow-the-top off of spending restrictions and that is exactly what SB228 does in it's current form. The families and taxpayers of House District 19 must live within a limited spending budget, it is only prudent that the State of Colorado do the same! I strongly oppose SB228 and will continue to be a voice of fiscal responsibility, limited spending and reasonable solutions for our state.

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