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Taxpayers are being scammed

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Editor, Casa Grande Dispatch:

Arizona is being tax-cut to death. “Wait,” you say, “I didn’t get a tax cut”! You’re right — you got a tax increase — the cuts went to corporations and high-income families. The result is your sales taxes will continue to rise and you’ll get less in return!

Arizona can’t afford quality public education, reasonable college tuition, modern infrastructure or transportation because our governor and state Legislature have been misusing taxpayer money. These elected scammers have taken gasoline tax revenue and lottery income to give away the store with nothing to show for it. The impact on the average family and small business is ever higher sales tax and reduced public services.

These unethical and fiscally irresponsible state officials won’t conduct financial audits of corporate tax loopholes, private prisons or allow full spending disclosure of charter schools. They’ve cut the number of corporate income tax auditors from 30 to six. They are closing their eyes despite the growing evidence that taxpayers are being cheated and duped. Enough is enough!

Arizona and Legislative District 11 can no longer afford the fiscal irresponsibility of our current governor or state representatives. Control over taxes and budget must not be left to lobbyists. If we want a state government that is working on behalf of all its citizens, families and small businesses, we have got to elect new leaders.

Arizonans are paying attention! Arizonans are demanding to be heard! Arizonans must stop the scammers! 2018 is the chance for Arizonans to make a difference!

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