THE EPIC OPTION TAX PROPOSAL IS BAD FOR NEBRASKA AND BAD FOR NEBRASKA HOSPITALS.

A recent Tax Foundation study found that the EPIC plan would require a consumption tax rate of 21.6 percent or more.

Petitions are currently being circulated to place two amendments on the ballot for the November general election. They must gather signatures from 10% of the registered voters in the state, and that 10% must comprise 5% of the registered voters from at least 38 of Nebraska’s 93 counties, by July 5, 2024.

If the EPIC Tax passes, economic experts project Nebraska will have to raise the sales tax to an estimated 22% or more on everything under this new tax scheme. It would be detrimental to hospitals and healthcare. The tax-exempt status of not-for-profit hospitals would be eliminated. Exemptions on sales tax could be removed. Nebraska hospitals are already under extreme financial distress. Paying taxes for goods and services, especially at a rate at nearly 22%, would likely cause hospitals to close.

Patients would have to pay a 22% sales tax for doctor visits, medication, hospital stays and assisted living and long-term care. It would be a disaster for Nebraska families.

We need to do everything that we can to make sure that this issue is not on the ballot this fall.

Do not sign the petition.

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NO EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED FOR HEALTH CARE

The ballot language reads:

“BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2026, THE STATE OF NEBRASKA SHALL IMPOSE A RETAIL CONSUMPTION TAX OR AN EXCISE TAX ON ALL NEW GOODS AND SERVICES. THERE SHALL BE NO EXEMPTION FROM SUCH TAXES EXCEPT FOR GROCERY ITEMS PURCHASED FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.”

WHAT THE EPIC TAX MEANS:

TAX-EXEMPT STATUS OF NOT-FOR-PROFIT HOSPITALS WOULD BE ELIMINATED

EXEMPTIONS ON SALES TAX COULD BE REMOVED.

22% TAX FOR DOCTORS VISITS, MEDICATION, HOSPITAL STAYS, ASSISTED LIVING AND LONG-TERM CARE

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