



## Protect Our Future End Unfair Corporate Tax Breaks

Special tax breaks and loopholes cost Washingtonians billions of dollars every year. That's money that should be going healthcare, education and other essential public services. Below are some examples of unjustified corporate tax breaks.

- **Tax break for Wall Street banks: \$100 million per year**  
The B&O deduction on interest from first home mortgages was originally intended to help a major bank headquartered in Washington compete with other national banks. There are no longer any major banks headquartered in here and the vast majority of mortgages are originated by out-of-state banks or sold to out-of-state banks. The deduction no longer makes sense.
- **Sales tax break for elective cosmetic surgery: \$8 million per year**  
Includes: teeth whitening, and laser eye surgery.
- **Special tax break for private jets: \$5 million per year**  
Owners of private jets currently pay a flat fee, regardless of the size or value of their jet. Very wealthy private jet owners should pay their fair share.
- **Sales tax break for out-of-state coal: \$11 million per year**  
Sales tax is exempt on coal used at coal-fired thermal electric generation facilities.
- **Sales tax break for out-of-state shoppers: \$44 million per year**  
Currently, out-of-state shoppers from Oregon, some Canadian provinces, and other states that have a sales tax rate of less than 3 percent are not required to pay the sales tax on purchases made in Washington.
- **Sales tax break for fertilizer: \$40 million per year**
- **Sales tax break for consumer services: \$100 million per year**  
Includes: hair removal, massages, movie theaters, beauty parlors, acupuncture, sporting events, investment advice, and many others.

Many tax loopholes look small but add up. When we are cutting deeply into education and healthcare, these seemingly small tax subsidies just don't make sense:

- Sales tax exemption for film and video production equipment: \$2 million a year
- Sales tax exemption for display items for tradeshow: \$2 million a year
- B&O exemption for Christmas tree production: \$500,000/year
- Fish tax exemption for tuna, mackerel and jack: \$340,000 a year
- Sales tax exemption for bedding materials for chickens: \$180,000 a year
- B&O exemption for fish cleaning businesses: \$11,000 a year
- Sales tax exemption for medically unnecessary prescriptions like Viagra and Propecia