



Stop Taxing Food

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Ten questions to ask your legislator about the Food and Beverage Tax

1. Do we really want to be known as having the highest hospitality tax in the country? What level will be considered too high?
2. Why are restaurants served up as the sacrificial lamb?
3. Why is restaurant food already 9% higher than grocery food when it has been determined that food as a necessity should be tax exempt?
4. Why is it fair that one industry pays for the cost of local projects and local government?
5. Why should only those who eat at restaurants pay the cost of something that the entire community would enjoy?
6. Why should diners least able to afford an extra tax on their family meal pay for sports facilities they will never use?
7. Why do diners complain about food and beverage taxes to their servers and not their legislator?
8. When the city of Indianapolis considered adding a tax on the price of a Colt's ticket, Owner Jim Irsay said, "No, that will affect the price I can charge for the tickets." Why can't I say no?
9. If I could have raised my prices 1% this year I would have, instead I lowered the prices of many menu items to keep meals "affordable". What will a price increase do to me?
10. Why do we want to drive visitors away at a time when we need more visitor spending?