

REBUTTAL ARGUMENT  
TO PRIMARY ARGUMENT IN  
SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 99.

If you want to triple a tax, invite more crime, treat many hard-working Californians unfairly, punish some of your neighbors and hand over more money to many wealthy doctors, you'll vote for Proposition 99.

Read Proposition 99 carefully. You'll see what serious problems it creates for Californians.

Here are just five of the many reasons to oppose Proposition 99:

\* It would invite serious crime. New pressures will be put on police. Officials in 13 states recently joined in a hotline to combat the growing problem of cigarette smuggling. The California State Sheriffs Association and the California Peace Officers Association oppose Proposition 99.

\* It would provide a potential new cash source for street gangs and other criminals. Smugglers could avoid up to \$200,000 in taxes on a truckload of cigarettes bootlegged from another state. Resulting illegal profits could finance the purchase of drugs or guns that could be used against innocent citizens.

\* It would single out and penalize the behavior of one group of people who are breaking no laws. Is that in the American tradition of fairness?

\* It would unfairly burden lower-income Californians. Taxes like this take a bigger chunk of a poor family's income. That's called "regressive." Even a 1986 report of the American Hospital Association acknowledges tobacco taxes "tend to produce a regressive distribution of the cost of government programs."

\* It would enrich the medical industry with hundreds of millions of dollars. A 1987 study indicated one in four doctors surveyed already is a millionaire.

No on Taxes.

No on Crime.

No on Proposition 99.

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