

Libertarian Party St Louis County Central Committee 2026Oct19

Resolution for the Abolition of Sales Taxes Foremost

WHEREAS we consider excessive taxation to be a “ruthless extortion and a violation of the fundamental principles of a free government”, and we firmly declare Missouri to be so excessively taxed;

And whereas we acknowledge the practical and responsible question of determining which taxes should be first cut (or abolished) as well as how much and upon which taxpayers to cut the most; this question is of paramount importance given the long history of governments to cut taxes for a favored few while leaving the many remaining to wait for last and forever;

And whereas, we further acknowledge that sales taxes are regressive, placing the heavier burden upon those who can least afford it (as % of income); we consider sales taxes the most sinister and primeval taxation among the excessive and unjust taxation in Missouri;

And whereas, sales taxes violate the natural right of free trade (a right of liberty that just governments are foundationally obligated to secure by the 1776 Declaration), and sales taxes force businesses into a grievous partnership as tax collectors for the state (a step on a path to fascism);

And whereas, the old duopoly parties are well-established hypocrites regarding sales taxes, with Democrats claiming their wish to help the poor and Republicans claiming their wish to lower taxes, yet both supporting sales tax increases and opposing sales tax reductions! We believe only the Libertarian Party offers a clear choice for those who want sales taxes cut first and eventually abolished, to the greater benefit of the substantial majority;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Libertarian Party St Louis County Central Committee assembled, October 19, 2026 that **we declare our firm commitment to abolishing all sales taxes in Missouri, first and foremost, while decidedly opposing any and all sales tax increases;**

1. That we note the crushing defeat (83% to 17%) of the tax-shifting bait-and-switch proposal known as Amendment 5 on the August, 2026 ballot in Missouri (replacing income taxes with sales taxes); we opposed it then and we firmly oppose all such wrong-headed tax-shifting, and even worse: all deeply mistaken increases in already excessive taxation; We have no interest in cutting taxes merely to increase other taxes.
2. That heeding both our principles and the voice of the people, we demand all further tax cuts be sales taxes first, that other taxes not replace them, and that only when all sales taxes are abolished should income or property taxes be reduced.