

For the Sake of a Pizza

Benjamin Franklin wrote, “*For the want of a nail, the shoe was lost; for the want of a shoe the horse was lost; and for the want of a horse the rider was lost; for the want of a rider the battle was lost; for the want of a battle, the kingdom was lost, and all for the want of a horseshoe nail.*”

So it went.

Nowadays, for the sake of an ‘investment in core government services’ and class warfare (a tax increase), a pizza is not bought; for the sake of pizza, a job is lost; and for the sake of one job, more jobs are lost and more tax revenue for core services is lost, and all for the sake of a tax increase.

This is what happens when the RINO’s and Democrats stick it to Virginia with a tax increase. Class warfare never works, except to punish the poor. Too bad 17 Republican Delegates and 12 Republican Senators don’t get it.

The bottom line is that every \$150 million in additional taxes costs 5000 jobs. I learned this studying economics at two of the most LIBERAL graduate schools in America. The laws of economics and the laws of nature, like gravity, are uncompromising. The post script is that poor working people, not rich folks lose their jobs.

Consider just little York and Poquoson on The Peninsula. Pretend the RINOs and Dems take just \$840m (actual House proposal is \$970m) from 7 million Virginians. That costs each person about \$120. Pretend, again, only the upper half of income earners pay extra taxes. That equals 35,000 people in Poquoson and York County. These ‘rich’ people lose \$4.2million. So, 140 persons lose their jobs – right here (4.2m is to 140 as 150m is to 5000). And it’s all for the sake of a pizza.

If a family of four has \$40 less every month and \$10 buys a pizza special or 2 combos of fast food, then this is a first cut from the family budget. So, if half the families in York and Poquoson have fewer pizza nights and fast food meals, then it means there are 35,000 fewer pizzas and fast food meals *every month*. The math is simple; $\$10 \times 35,000 = \$350,000$ less is spent in York and Poquoson – *each month*. Soon, one carryout driver and one shift worker in every fast food place is fired. It doesn’t take long to kill 140 jobs. Those fired workers have 140 fewer car payments, auto insurance, gas, maintenance, movies, rents/mortgages, clothes for school, etc. The loss ripples out like waves.

Look who lost. The ‘rich’ people – professionals and business owners – keep their jobs, but working people lose. And, hey, if you are a family where a teacher is married to a deputy sheriff, then you have over \$50,000 annual income – and you’re going to get soaked. You’re going to pay double if the bottom half pays less, so a family of four can plan on more than \$80 loss a month – and that’s really underestimating. Worse, the sales tax is a regressive tax punishing the poor, seniors, and minimum wage workers.

It’s ironic that the RINO’s panicked when Del. Phil Hamilton recommended closing

corporate tax loopholes for the Newport News Shipyard, if it wasn't so pathetic. They screamed that the tax costs jobs. Duh. Like taxes do when you hit EVERYONE for that 'little' half cent on the dollar sales tax. But, of course, the pizza drivers and shift workers don't make big campaign contributions like the Shipyard. Their jobs don't count to politicians who go on vacations and hunting trips with their corporate special interests. Every day folks don't dump thousands of dollars into the political funds, like the colleges/universities, VEA, lawyers, etc. who get millions right back in government spending.

This is why real Republicans are Populists and the majority in Virginia. We care about People more than the power and self-interests of special interests. We understand economics. We don't feed at the public trough and whine for more.

Local Delegates Melanie Rapp and Tom Gear supported a budget that grew by 11% without a penny increase in taxes. They supported raises for teachers, deputies and set aside money for transportation and the Rainy Day funds. They're fighting to save 140 jobs or more in Poquoson and York. Rapp and Gear represent and serve the working People.

For the sake of pizza, a neighbor loses a job. Is it someone you care about?

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