

Payroll Tax

Q2 Do you have any comments regarding a potential 0.7% payroll tax? (Please be civil)

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#	Responses	Date
1	Are they once again creating a negative climate for job creation in Vermont? Oy! For goodness sake cut the excess from our government. Learn to live within our means. Which part of budget do they not get?	2/22/2015 3:54 PM
2	it is ridiculous; how long before those funds mysteriously disappear into state coffers. this will never affect insurance rates. A better approach would be to control hospital spending which seems to be a bottomless pit.	2/21/2015 8:52 AM
3	No new taxes. Existing taxes and feminist/ liberal 'laws' must be rolled back.	2/21/2015 7:12 AM
4	WE are already one of the most anti business state in the Country,lets not it any worse.	2/20/2015 10:48 PM
5	cut spending	2/16/2015 10:27 PM
6	yet another slight of hand for heading off the deficit while increasing spending once again. Disgraceful	2/16/2015 9:44 AM
7	I pay enough!	2/16/2015 7:52 AM
8	Another tax on business is the last thing Vermont needs if we want to create more good jobs in this State	2/14/2015 8:26 AM
9	They should stop needless spending first and we all know there must be plenty of that going on at the State and Federal levels. They should work on real solutions and real change not just keep raising taxes so they can waste more of our money.	2/13/2015 6:04 PM
10	A "first in the nation" tax Vermont does not need this distinction. Another reason businesses will stay away.	2/13/2015 5:35 PM
11	Do not do it.	2/13/2015 5:29 PM
12	We are already outrageously overtaxed. If single-payer were to pass, I and my six figure income will be moving out of Vermont to a less taxing locale -- and that's a promise.	2/13/2015 5:08 PM
13	This is the camel's nose under the tent.	2/8/2015 10:17 PM
14	Get real!!! When does Montpelier figure they have enough of your money? We left the state and will never return to our birthplace of VT. Montpelier taxed us out and others are following. The auctioneer who did a "whole house" clean out told us he is seeing a mass exodus out of Vermont, as he was doing 4 clean outs that particular Sunday!	2/8/2015 9:06 AM
15	to much progressive income tax now	2/8/2015 7:24 AM
16	They need to control their spending before adding new taxes.	2/7/2015 6:59 PM
17	How about all elected officials at state level taking a salary reduction to help pay for the expenditures they so dearly love to dump on the citizen taxpayers?	2/7/2015 3:13 PM
18	Only a Governor who tried to push through a billion dollar, unfundable , healthcare program would follow that fiasco with a new payroll tax plan. The state needs jobs, new businesses , and lower taxes not these tried and failed polices.	2/7/2015 10:23 AM
19	This tax will be passed onto everyone living in Vermont, raising our cost of living. There is simply not enough wealth being generated in this state to support the current level of taxation, much less this new payroll tax. There wil never be a base for sustainable taxation until the State changes its attitude toward business - good paying companies are running for the doors! It is clear that Governor Shumlin and the Vermont Democrats have not yet realized the severity of the economic crisis and are completely out of touch with the struggles of Vermont citizens.	2/7/2015 7:32 AM
20	NO MORE TAXES!!	2/6/2015 11:19 PM
21	Reduce all of state goverment by at least 5%.	2/6/2015 10:12 PM
22	Absolutely not. Employers will pass this on to either reduced wages and/or reduced employment.	2/6/2015 8:16 PM
23	If /When the spendocrats pass it, HOW MANY MORE business leave the State? WE have already lost numerous employers and JOBS to other States!! New York is offering incentives for Employers to start up in that State.	2/6/2015 6:51 PM

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24	VT is already nationally viewed as a "business hostile: state. Ask how many more businesses we can afford to see move to NH, NY and MA, In a few years, VT will only be a playground for the rich & famous.	2/3/2015 5:06 PM
25	We are already taxed enough. The liberals do not care about the middle class.	2/1/2015 11:08 AM
26	This tax would hurt employers and their employees as well. Another bad idea by our Governor.	1/31/2015 12:39 PM
27	NO MORE TAXES~ period.	1/31/2015 11:16 AM
28	Once again the inescapable law of supply and demand will play a part in the Vermont economy as a higher labor cost without a corresponding increase in the demand for labor caused by an increase in labor productivity (due to more capital per worker, better technology, or more education) will mean fewer jobs, slower job growth, and higher unemployment for lower-skilled workers.	1/31/2015 8:44 AM
29	Additional tax money should not be used as a bandage to "cover up" the deficiencies in the current laws or or in the "overreach of those laws or in the executive performance of politicians running government.	1/30/2015 8:20 PM
30	Very hurtful to vt businesses and nota encouraging to new ones	1/30/2015 8:19 PM
31	It starts with 0.7%, and then becomes easier to move it up.	1/30/2015 5:30 PM
32	How MUCH MORE can businesses in Vermont endure? Check out what Bill O'Reilly said regarding VERmont the other night. Right after he commented on Dean's crazy response to the Sniper movie.	1/30/2015 5:16 PM
33	Are the democrats trying to make every business a non-profit?	1/30/2015 5:11 PM
34	It would hurt. My employees know how to spend the money better than the State of VT	1/26/2015 9:13 PM
35	Not needed. Need to cut spending on programs that do nothing but increase people's dependency on government. These programs (and there are many) are not sustainable. Relying on Federal dollars is also foolish and onlt leads to bigger burdens on tax payers in Vermont after the fed dollars end. Classic latest example is the federal money coming to start pre kindergarten classes. This will end up on Vermonters plates after those dollars are gone. All governments need to finance their own rather than rely on higher levels of government. Only thing that is happening is that we are losing our freedoms every day we sell our souls to government control.	1/26/2015 8:58 PM
36	At what point, when we are going up, do we start to go away? When did the VT voters think the "other guy" would have to pay the taxes and they wouldn't be affected and that like teenagers, would live forever?	1/26/2015 1:54 AM
37	Stop spending! How many ways can we continue to say this and still be ignored?	1/25/2015 2:16 PM
38	The one party rule in Montpelier no longer represents me, or the small business community that innovates and that drives the economy. There appears to be no accountability with respect to money collected from its citizens in Vermont anymore. Waste a hundred million tax payer dollars on a website that wasn't needed, and you get your jobs back? I think Vermont is very close to "jumping the shark", and pushing the only class of people capable of paying the bills, out. Our elected officials in Vermont are acting just like Detroit's did twenty years ago, I believe we will have a similar outcome, and another tax layered on is the quickest way to that end.	1/25/2015 7:25 AM
39	No more taxes, let's cut some expenses for those who pay nothing in taxes.	1/24/2015 7:13 PM
40	We already pay enough taxes. Us Vermonters just cant afford another one. Don't drive us out of our state by adding new and increased taxes.	1/24/2015 4:05 PM
41	Taxed too much already!! Enough said.	1/24/2015 11:56 AM
42	Where will it end? If they get 0.7%, what's to prevent them from doing % crepe down the road? You know darned well they will!	1/24/2015 9:59 AM
43	NO MORE Taxes!!!! Start Cutting	1/24/2015 8:38 AM
44	It is time to stop raising our taxes. My son is a small business owner,and the rules and regulations of this state have caused him to decide not to continue. Seems like only big corporations will be in business.	1/24/2015 6:57 AM
45	JUST ANOTHER MONEY GRAB BY THE SPENDOCRATS!!	1/23/2015 10:34 PM
46	Cut the budget. Stop grinding holes in perfectly good roads. Put a toll on all bicycle paths. Give bus or train tickets to warmer climate states to homeless people.	1/23/2015 8:45 PM
47	Typical democratic thinking they can better spend YOUR money	1/23/2015 7:49 PM
48	We are way too overtaxed already. Vermont has a spending problem that needs to be brought under control.	1/23/2015 6:26 PM

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49	The problem is that they don't seem to understand you just can't spend money on things that just add more burdens on the taxpayers. The taxpayer has to tighten his belt when things start getting rough. They don't go out and spend what they don't have have. Maybe each legislator needs to take a look at reducing their government paycheck to ease the burden and stop thinking the taxpayer is the ultimate gold mine.	1/23/2015 5:41 PM
50	It's time to get over single payer and get on with true health care reform!	1/19/2015 11:40 AM
51	who can afford this? employers are just going to pay this onto the employees, who are already taxed to death in this state! remember property taxes are soaring in this state, which is why the young people and families are moving out of state!!!!	1/18/2015 6:22 PM
52	Balance our budget first before any consideration of new taxes.n	1/18/2015 2:41 PM
53	It goes without saying that this proposal would be a further burden on Vermont businesses and will ultimately hurt the very people its revenues are supposed to assist, because it will discourage employers from hiring.	1/17/2015 9:48 PM
54	State of Vermont has a spending problem not a revenue problem!	1/17/2015 5:17 PM
55	Vermont employers have it hard enough to make a go of it and do not need more taxes piled on.	1/17/2015 8:18 AM
56	Stop looking for more. There is none... Small business can't take any more... you just upped your tax rate with a minimum wage hike...STOP....	1/16/2015 11:03 PM
57	This will hurt employment in the state and expand the underground economy	1/16/2015 10:19 PM
58	Vermonters are taxed too much.	1/16/2015 10:13 PM
59	I am a small business owner and this could really impact us. It has be nearly impossible to stay afloat as it is.	1/16/2015 9:05 PM
60	Cut state government by 50%.	1/16/2015 9:01 PM
61	No more taxes...stop the spending...sick of paying for Montpelier's incompetence.	1/16/2015 8:30 PM
62	Enough already. Can we be any more unfriendly to businesses?	1/16/2015 8:14 PM
63	ALL taxes should be abolished outright. Along with government itself. www.voluntaryist.com	1/16/2015 8:03 PM
64	Balance your budget with what you have tough yup! VT business has to and between the taxpayers and businesses your bankrupting all of us! Hint : stop spending	1/16/2015 7:50 PM
65	Shumlin and the liberal controlled legislature created this mess and now want us to pay for it! They blew this much in one year and they can cut the same in one year!!	1/16/2015 7:28 PM
66	No new or increased taxes or fees!!!!	1/16/2015 6:50 PM
67	This is a slight of hand passing the cost to all.	1/16/2015 6:46 PM
68	Just as we start to feel relief at the pump and home heating oil Shumlin and Company find a way to knock us back down. What about all the money that was thrown away on HIS ridiculous Vermont Health Connect? Shumlin = TAX, TAX, TAX	1/16/2015 4:52 PM
69	It'll hurt those few VTers that are left working. Employers will have to cut hours and or lay some off. Give the poor small businesses a break!!!	1/16/2015 4:27 PM
70	Cut spending! Don't jut talk about it!	1/16/2015 3:28 PM
71	It is nothing but the camel's nose in tent.	1/16/2015 2:49 PM
72	Another tax on business, because government has screwed up the practice and delivery of health care.	1/16/2015 2:03 PM
73	We're taxed out. CUT spending. With 47% of the popular vote and losing ALL but 4 counties in the state you'd think the Gov. would have learned a lesson. Apparently not.	1/16/2015 2:02 PM
74	Why aren't we as a State tightening our belts and cut spending?	1/16/2015 1:24 PM
75	This is not the solution. He needs to reduce spending, not add new taxes.	1/16/2015 1:12 PM
76	Just another increase in the cost of doing business in VT. That is why we are moving our slowly out of state.	1/16/2015 12:42 PM
77	once your foot is in the door it'll keep going up	1/16/2015 12:40 PM
78	It will be too easy to keep raising the tax once it is in place.	1/16/2015 12:24 PM

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79	they are our elected officials, why don't they listen to us, we do not want any more taxes....it's time to cut costs	1/16/2015 12:21 PM
80	Vt. Is still losing jobs and young people who are moving out to get a job. Why would any administrator want to pass an action that would cause more job loss & a higher rate of migration of young people out of the state?	1/16/2015 12:16 PM
81	We need to spend less not raise more taxes	1/16/2015 11:34 AM
82	They need to cut spending leave employers and people alone. Spending has gotten out of control, we can't afford to live in VT anymore.....!!	1/16/2015 11:29 AM
83	We have a spending problem not a income problem. Make the tough decisions and get VT back on a sound fiscal footing. Charging us more to solve a high cost of living sounds backwards.	1/16/2015 11:13 AM
84	taxed to death already	1/16/2015 11:12 AM
85	Not good for business	1/16/2015 10:47 AM
86	For most employers, that level of tax increase will likely result in one of many possible things: Hold off on raises for current employees, Hold off on hiring new employees Cancel any plans for current or future capital improvements Realize there is no end to the VT State Gov reaching into their pockets & leave the State for a more business friendly state	1/16/2015 10:41 AM
87	Vermont is already one of the highest taxed states in the Nation. We cannot afford more taxes. We will lose even more businesses if our legislature supports this.	1/16/2015 10:38 AM
88	Typical Democratic approach to any problem. Raising taxes. An increase in the payroll tax will negatively impact needed job growth.	1/16/2015 10:36 AM
89	We do not need more taxes, we need less spending.	1/16/2015 10:26 AM
90	Montpelier needs to find another way to raise money besides taxing WORKING Vermonters and the companies that employ them. Cut wasteful state spending, tax the trust funders and scrutinize so-called non-profits. Change EBT from open shopping to only those items on the WIC list. I shouldn't be paying for people who eat better than I do.	1/16/2015 10:20 AM
91	NO MORE TAXES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!	1/16/2015 10:18 AM
92	Business's are hurting enough, the Gov. has a spending problem	1/16/2015 10:17 AM