

## from our readers

## Proposal A makes 'cents'

To the editor:

Congratulations to Jackie Klein for presenting an incisive article about Robert Tisch. The quotes she used exposed his penchant for inaccuracies and wishful thinking.

In fact, the most realistic statement made by him was that Michigan was having serious economic problems. However, what he has proposed in the past and his plans for the future would not solve these problems.

On the other hand, the governor and the legislature have worked diligently as representatives of all the citizens of

state (not just a single-issue group like supporters of Mr. Tisch) to respond to the needs of those citizens.

They developed a realistic tax cut for homeowners burdened by increased property taxes, but have also attempted to do it in a manner that will not endanger the health or safety of Michigan residents. The result was Proposal A which offsets the reduction in property taxes by the major industries of our state. Fortunately, tourism is one of the major industries of our state. This means that non-residents will bear a sizeable portion of this tax change.

Proposal A has other advantages because of the controls it gives voters over their tax dollars. First, the 6 percent cap on future property tax revenues prevents outrageous increases due

to inflation. Yet, if voters want to improve local services by increasing property tax revenues they may vote to increase or waive the 6 percent cap in their local community.

SECONDLY, voters are also allowed

to increase their local millages under Proposal A, but it is not mandated.

The other advantage is that because sales taxes are prohibited on food and drug items, the prices of these critical needs will not be affected by the pro-

posed tax change. In fact, taxpayers will have more discretion in how much money is used for tax dollars than they do currently with government relying on property taxes which are beyond our control.

Senior citizens and renters will benefit from the increased income tax credits allowed under Proposal A.

Proposal A outlines what we can plan for the future. With the proposals offered by Mr. Tisch we would be faced with the possibility of having unknown

measures introduced by lawmakers to make up lost revenues.

Most importantly, tax relief would be immediate because legislation for implementing the proposal has already been passed.

The proposal will have most taxpayers a net tax cut while it will preserve the integrity of our school system. Proposal A makes "cents" for all of us. Mr. Tisch's proposals do not make good "sense."

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