

VOTE PROP 2 NO

Protect Spokane's Economy

JOIN THE FIGHT TO PROTECT SPOKANE'S ECONOMY

If approved by voters, Proposition 2 creates a prohibition* on the transport of coal and oil by rail through Spokane. The measure could have HUGE implications for the entire Inland Northwest, costing us jobs, and harming city services as a result.

**Proposition 2 is wrong for Spokane
and citizens must VOTE NO!
BALLOTS DUE BY NOVEMBER 7**

Quick Facts on Prop 2's Impacts to Spokane

Voters should vote NO because this measure won't improve safety and has serious unintended consequences:



Dire impacts to the local and regional economy.

If Prop 2 passes, local businesses would suffer, hundreds of jobs supported by the railroad industry would be at risk, and city tax revenue would be adversely affected. Additionally, blocking rail traffic through Spokane will impact countless other Washington industries and businesses in the region that rely on this rail infrastructure to ship goods in and out of the state.



The reality is this measure will not improve safety.

Rail is among the safest, most efficient and environmentally friendly ways to ship coal and oil. With no other cross-state routes, if this measure passes there will be hundreds of 18-wheelers used to haul the same materials alongside us on the highways if this measure passes.



Taxpayers will be the ones footing the bill.

Both the city council's policy adviser and the city hearings examiner reviewed Prop 2 on legal grounds and advised the council Prop 2 is illegal and unconstitutional. If this measure passes it will tie the city up in an expensive and lengthy legal battle diverting limited city funds away from more important priorities like road repairs and public safety.

* The text of proposition 2 specifically calls this a prohibition.

ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Voting NO on Prop 2 Supports Both Our Local and Regional Economy



“ Washington is one of the most trade dependent states in the nation. Therefore it is critical that we are able to move goods through our state and this region. Spokane is a gateway to Washington's entire transportation network. Whether it is by rail, road or air, this is one of things that has made the Spokane region an attractive place to do business. Proposition 2 will completely undermine this legacy and will seriously impact commerce that supports Spokane's economy. ”

– Todd Mielke, CEO,
Greater Spokane Inc.

Costs to Spokane's Economy and Pacific Northwest

- 1. Costs to Spokane:** Prop 2 puts a significant amount of jobs at risk, hurts our tax base and damages our city's reputation as a place to do business.
- 2. Costs to the Pacific Northwest:** Rail is the backbone of Washington's trade infrastructure and industries important to Spokane – like our agriculture sector – will be impacted if there is less train traffic carrying their goods to market.

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