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VOTERS IN POLK, WARREN, AND DALLAS COUNTY SEND A MESSAGE: IOWANS HAVE NO STOMACH FOR TAX INCREASES

MUSCATINE, IA. – Jeffrey Boeyink, President of Iowans for Tax Relief, today commented on the humiliating defeat of the proposed “Yes to Destiny” sales tax increase in Polk, Warren, and Dallas Counties. “The resounding defeat of this huge tax increase in Iowa’s most populous county and its neighbor counties sends a strong message to politicians and government leaders across the state that voters have no stomach for higher taxes, no matter how you try to pretty them up,” said Boeyink.

Yesterday, voters in Polk, Warren, and Dallas Counties defeated the proposed 10-year, \$750 million tax increase by a huge 85-15 margin, despite the fact it was promoted as a means to provide property tax relief for home owners and earmarked to build numerous “quality of life” improvements. Boeyink said, “You can wrap it up in fancy paper and tie it with a pink bow, but Central Iowans knew a tax increase when they saw it and they clearly didn’t like what they saw.

“Let this be a warning to the State Legislators who have, according to State Auditor David Vaudt, implemented a state budget that will create a huge budget deficit the next two years—Iowans will accept no tax increases to fix the state budget mess. If voters won’t accept a tax increase in return for property tax relief and bike trails, they certainly won’t accept a tax increase to support reckless state spending,” concluded Boeyink.

Iowans for Tax Relief is a non-partisan state taxpayer organization with more than 52,000 members. Iowans for Tax Relief did not take a position on the proposed “Yes to Destiny” ballot issue.