

June 3rd AFP “Take Back Our State” Tea Party Rally Comments

I am Cathy Heath, the Director of StopNCAnnexation, and I am an American for Prosperity_ and an American for Property Rights, because protecting property rights is the proven foundation of prosperity.

Protecting property rights includes protecting property from abuses of eminent domain, ending forced annexation, the worst form of taxation without representation infecting the State of NC, and protecting the fruits of your labor from all forms of confiscation. The paycheck you work for are the fruits of your labor and that is your property. This concept of property was accepted by the Roman Empire, by British law, and a cornerstone of the founding principles of America. Whether the fruits of your labor are confiscated by some armed thug in an alley, or an elected government official, it is confiscated by force at the point of a gun.

*To quote from an article by Mark Lawrence,
“Property Rights: The Key to Economic Prosperity”*

“While contrary to the idealist's dreams, people won't work for some idea of the common good or an inspiring slogan, but for their own families and their own happiness. Property rights are the most important factor in molding self-interest into a form that creates wealth in the society at large.

George Sutherland was an Associate Justice of the US Supreme Court in 1921 when he eloquently said: "The three great rights are so bound together as to be essentially one right. To give a man his life, but deny him his liberty, is to take from him all that makes his life worth living. To give him his liberty, but take from him the property which is the fruit and badge of his liberty, is to still leave him a slave."[viii] To ensure a man the fruits of his labor is to ensure his continued labor in a society, and with the citizens in a nation made cognizant of their opportunity for wealth creation, prosperity is almost inevitable.”

While most of us are busy working to produce property and prosperity for ourselves, our families, and our nation, special interests lobby our legislators daily for more and more of the fruits of YOUR labor, YOUR PROPERTY, through confiscation of more of your paycheck through higher taxes on your property and your businesses. as I've learned over the past seven years, the CHIEF of those special interests is the League of Municipalities, lobbying every day using your tax dollars to take ever more of your tax dollars so the government can spend it instead of you.

Too many lawmakers have forgotten that the source of the wealth of this nation is individual prosperity and the protection of your rights to your property. They seem to think that the State is the most entitled to your property instead of the protector of your property rights.

It is time to step in front of those special interests who are here in Raleigh every day and remind lawmakers that the prosperity of the State of NC depends on the prosperity of individuals.

Higher taxation will impoverish more individuals, and that is the message you are here to send, that the people have been TAXED ENOUGH ALREADY! _NO MORE TAXES!

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