AMENDMENT 1 TALKING POINTS

AMENDMENT 1 PICKS WINNERS AND LOSERS.

With Amendment 1, most benefits go to only a handful of homeowners. That's not fair. Florida's tax system should work for all homeowners, across the board—not just a few.

WITH AMENDMENT 1, SOME WIN-BUT MOST LOSE

Amendment 1 isn't a tax cut, it's a tax shift. Just a <u>handful of homeowners</u> get most of the benefits and the rest of us get most of the burden, meaning either <u>fewer</u> local services or higher local taxes.

AMENDMENT 1—ONE SIZE DOESN'T FIT ALL

Amendment 1 is a one-size fits-all scheme devised by Tallahassee politicians. But what's good for some communities isn't always good for others. Changing local property taxes should be done locally, not through a statewide constitutional amendment.

AMENDMENT 1 MEANS HIGHER TAXES FOR MILLIONS OF FLORIDIANS.

Amendment 1 isn't what it seems. The politicians call it a tax break, but it's really a tax SHIFT that will leave millions of hardworking homeowners with a bigger share of the property tax burden.

AMENDMENT 1 WILL MEAN **HIGHER TAXES** FOR MANY COMMUNITIES

One senior Senator even argued for local communities <u>"raising their millage"</u> to pay for Amendment 1, which means <u>higher property taxes</u>. It's like giving out free coffee, but charging \$5 for the cup.

WITH AMENDMENT 1. SOME PAY LESS BUT MILLIONS PAY MORE

While some would pay next to nothing, <u>millions would pay more</u>. If the value of your home is too high or too low, this amendment isn't for you. Even if communities don't raise taxes or slash services, the smaller base will face a bigger tax burden.

AMENDMENT 1 DOESN'T FIX FLORIDA'S TAX SYSTEM—IT MAKES IT WORSE.

Florida's property tax system is a complicated mess and Amendment 1 makes it worse, more complicated and less fair—shifting a bigger burden onto small business owners, manufacturers and working families.

AMENDMENT 1 HURTS SMALL BUSINESSES

Amendment 1 is a double-whammy for small businesses. First, it <u>shifts</u> taxes onto small businesses—everything from pet stores and drycleaners to retailers and restaurants. Second, Amendment 1 exposes small businesses to <u>bigger tax hikes</u> later because a business's taxable value grows faster than that of a home. That means business owners will shoulder a larger share of the tax burden. That's <u>bad</u> for small business and <u>bad</u> for our economy.