

Conclusion

Government is instituted for the common good; for the protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness of the people; and not for profit, honor, or private interest of any one man, family, or class of men; therefore, the people alone have an incontestable, unalienable, and indefeasible right to institute government; and to reform, alter, or totally change the same, when their protection, safety, prosperity, and happiness require it. –John Adams

North Dakota's future is bright. Policymakers in the state can make it brighter. If personal and corporate income taxes are eliminated, economic freedom will flourish. Individuals will have more of their hard-earned money to save for their own futures; they will save for their children's futures; they will invest in businesses in North Dakota; they will spend money at businesses in North Dakota.

North Dakotans will put their extra money to better use than the government did.

Businesses will be able to reinvest the saved money into their businesses and into their workforce, resulting in more jobs with higher wages and better benefits. Companies will move their headquarters into a state that is suddenly an attractive place to do business. Because businesses will be allowed to succeed or fail on their own merits, only truly profitable businesses will continue to operate. Businesses will no longer need incentive packages from local economic development corporations or the Bank of North Dakota to relocate into other cities.

Government transparency will allow taxpayers to hold local officials more accountable for their spending, and property taxes will decrease. Supporting programs that increase children's education instead of just increasing the budget will create an atmosphere of better learning.

Private property rights will be protected against regulatory takings and eminent domain. Zoning and planning will be determined by elected officials at the township, city, or county level. Land use plans will be a thing of the past as governments realize that the best way to protect the environment is to vehemently protect private property rights.

The state's budget will be much more efficient, allowing more money to be spent on government's truly legitimate functions, such as maintaining roads, fixing bridges, improving public safety, and promoting better emergency management.

Governments do not exist to save people from themselves; rather they guard people's rights. Everyone will be treated equally. With the correct policies in place, the average North Dakotan will not care which party happens to be in power. Faith will be restored in government. Individual and economic liberty will be maximized, setting an example for the rest of the country.

Individual and economic liberty will thrive. These principles most cherished by the founders of this great country are in need of revival. By promoting individual and economic liberty, North Dakota could even spark a rebirth of freedom that could stretch across this nation.

Recommendation: Allow the ingenuity of the North Dakota people to flourish.



RECOMMENDATION RECAP

- **Cut the size of government.**
- **Keep property taxes local.**
- **Eliminate personal and corporate income taxes.**
- **Stop trying to plan the economy.**
- **Eliminate comprehensive planning and extraterritorial zoning.**
- **Focus on education, not education funding.**
- **Stop trying to save people from themselves.**
- **Shine light on North Dakota's budget.**