

February 7, 2014

Mr. Michael J. Reitz  
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Subject: Headlee Amendment

Dear Mr. Reitz:

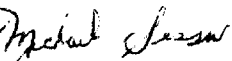
As one of the original drafters of the Headlee Amendment to Constitution 1963 Art. IX approved by the electorate 1978; I do not recall having given anyone, including the Governor, the authority to broaden the base of a tax and not reduce the rate of that tax.

I am writing you specifically regarding increasing (broadening the base) of an income tax on pensions. I am not an attorney, however, I am a drafter and the tax on pensions was never put up for a vote required for new taxes. Secondly, if the rate is not reduced that means everyone paying income taxes is cheated and we both know why.

In my opinion, the Mackinac Center should study this question and issue a VIEWPOINT since it is still a burning issue that is being stolen by the more liberal thinkers in our society.

Enclosed please find a historical Headlee document. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
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Enclosures