

## CCIC POLICY ALERT:

### OPPOSE AMENDMENTS 60, 61, AND PROPOSITION 101

On behalf of the board of directors of the Colorado Children's Immunization Coalition (CCIC), we urge you to vote **NO on Amendments 60 and 61, and Proposition 101**, which are on the November ballot.

Together, these measures would:

- **Further cut government funding that supports immunizing our communities.** Additional budget cuts for state and local governments would likely include a reduction in public health services.
- **Weaken our communities.** Colorado is strong when nonprofits, business, and governments have strong partnerships to meet community needs. These measures impair the ability of state and local governments to be strong partners and to serve communities well.
- **Hurt the nonprofits and businesses that rely on well-functioning public services and infrastructure** - such as education, roads, utilities, and health care facilities - to fulfill their missions and carry out their operations.

#### AMENDMENT 60 WOULD:

- Cut more than a billion dollars of local school funding each year. The state would be required to backfill local property tax reductions by further cutting other parts of the state budget, even though billions have already been cut in the last few years. This will lead to more school closures, teacher layoffs and increased class sizes, impacting the quality of Colorado's future workforce.
- Undermine local control. Amendment 60 would overturn hundreds of local elections where voters have chosen to increase funding for school and library districts, police and fire departments, and other services.

#### AMENDMENT 61 WOULD:

- Severely limit building, expanding, or even maintaining government buildings and infrastructure. including schools, hospitals, fire and police stations; roads, bridges, water and sewer systems, and even prisons. This will lead to poor quality and delivery of essential services that benefit all Coloradans and could even threaten the safety of our residents.

- Require local governments to repay any debt within ten years instead of a more reasonable time frame such as 20-40 years. Many local governments will find it unaffordable to pay for large projects on such a short time frame. This places the burden on today's taxpayers to pay for these projects quickly and foot the bill for future generations who will benefit long after these projects have been paid off.
- Increase unemployment and send jobs out of state as businesses that contract with government to carry out these projects see far less work, lay off employees, and consider relocation

#### PROPOSITION 101 WOULD:

- Cut discretionary areas of the state budget such as higher education, mental health services, the arts, and more. This includes not only services that are contracted out to nonprofits, but also services to help nonprofits build an effective workforce.
- Disproportionately hurt industry, commerce and tourism by targeting transportation. These tax cuts would lead to more crumbling bridges, poorly maintained roads, congestion, and potholes.
- Increase disparities between urban and rural areas of the state. By targeting telecommunication fees, rural Colorado would lose critical funding to maintain telecommunications infrastructure, including phone, cable and internet access. This would hurt not only communication across rural communities, but harm small businesses, and inhibit economic development.

CCIC has taken a formal position opposing Amendments 60 and 61, and Proposition 101. We urge you, your family, and your friends to stand up for Colorado and vote NO on Amendments 60 and 61, and Proposition 101.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE MEASURES AND OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP BLOCK THESE INITIATIVES, PLEASE

- Visit the CCIC website: <http://www.childreimmunization.org/60-61-101> or [www.donthurtcolorado.com](http://www.donthurtcolorado.com) (Includes toolkit, e-mail alerts and more)
- Watch and share “The Bad Three: In Plain English” from the Bell Policy Center <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQ0TvLTYQxo>
- Get connected via social media
  - Follow and share updates from @No6061101, @COindependent (Bell Policy), @thebadthree, and @ImmunizeCOKids on Twitter
- Get your NO ON 60, 61, 101 yard sign on September 16 or 18 or visit one of the Yard Sign Centers located throughout the state <http://www.donthurtcolorado.com/latest-news/2010/9/13/get-your-no-on-6061101-yard-signs.html>

