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URGENT – CONTACTS NEEDED TODAY ACT NOW!

The Taxation and Budget Reform Commission (TBRC) has the power to put proposed constitutional amendments directly on the 2008 ballot. This group has already passed the extremely controversial “tax swap” which would eliminate the Required Local Effort (the part of your property tax that goes to our schools) in favor of a 1 penny increase in the state sales tax. This proposal requires that the Legislature find an additional \$9 billion each year to make up to the loss of education budgets. Where will that money come from? Remember the already huge deficit?

Now they are considering a full-blown, TABOR (Tax Payer Bill of Rights) like proposal that will place strict revenue caps on state and local governments and our school districts. This is a potential disaster, one we have been trying to avoid for over a year.

- Revenue caps have been tragic failures in every state they have been tried. Colorado, the first state to try this ridiculous proposal saw its schools and social services disintegrate under the caps and recently voted overwhelmingly to suspend them.
- Florida is already at the bottom in every major indicator for education and social services, if these caps are added to the Constitution, we will remain at the bottom forever.

**THE ISSUE IS UP TOMORROW IN THE FORM OF “PROPOSAL 45”
E Mail the members of the TBRC and tell them to VOTE NO on
PROPOSAL 45 - the TABOR revenue caps.**

**MAKE SURE TO WRITE
“VOTE NO ON PROPOSAL 45” IN SUBJECT LINE**

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