



# Initiative 912

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## **NoNewGasTax.com Sues to Stop State from Spending Gas Tax Money before Vote**

NoNewGasTax.com, the group sponsoring Initiative 912 to repeal the 9.5 cent gas tax increase, has gone to court to stop the state from bonding new gas tax revenues prior to the deadline for turning in signatures on the measure.

"It's outrageous that state government would try to circumvent the people once again and sell bonds before we have even had the chance to turn in the signatures to repeal this gas tax hike," said Brett Bader, spokesman for NoNewGasTax.com. "We were forced to take this action after we were told that they intend to start selling bonds on July 1, rather than wait to see if the initiative qualifies for the November ballot."

A hearing has been scheduled for July 1 in Thurston County Superior Court. The group is asking for a temporary order restraining the state from issuing or selling bonds that in any way obligate the state to impose and collect the gas tax increase enacted by ESSB 6103 until after the July 8 deadline for signatures or, if they succeed in placing the measure on the ballot, following the November 8 election.

"We are simply asking for a vote of the people on this massive tax increase," Bader added. "It would be the height of arrogance for the state to rush to sell bonds funded by this new tax in order to deny the people the right to have their say on the biggest tax increase in the history of the state."

The NoNewGasTax.com campaign has a list of 15,000 individual volunteers who have signed up to collect signatures. To date, more than 150,000 petitions have been distributed across the state.

NoNewGasTax.com has until July 8, 2005 to collect 225,014 valid signatures. Petitions can be ordered online, and are also available at most Kinko's stores as well.