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To: COTCE Commission Members
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Subject: RE: Tax Packages

Fred:

Thank you for your email.

1. With respect to the workshops, I believe they were discussed with the Commission to deal with the Business Net Receipts Tax. Given the potential role of this tax in a reform recommendation, the fact that it would be a new tax for California, and our time constraints, I would suggest we need the workshops to be about the BNRT.
2. With respect to the Fuel Tax, I believe ever since you raised this tax for us to consider, it has been described as a \$0.18/gallon tax on Transportation Fuels. If this is not your intent, it would be very helpful if you could provide a detailed description of this tax so the staff can analyze and score its impact for our next meeting.
3. With respect to the concept of lowering the vote for a local tax, I do not believe it was part of the first two sections of our recommendations as summarized to the Commission. If you wish to raise this item as part of the additional areas of reform "that need to be considered by others outside the context of the Commission", you certainly should and we will see if it would be included in the Commission report.

Once again, I thank you for your effort to achieve a set of recommendations we can all support.

Best regards,
Gerry Parsky