

Missouri's Tax System is **INADEQUATE**



Our public schools, health care, children & family support services, mental health care, higher education, and disability programs cannot be maintained or improved under our inadequate, broken tax system. A few examples of the result of the recent budget cuts:

- 88,000 students in state universities had to pay higher tuition and fees last year.
- 4,000 Missourians lost access to substance abuse treatment.
- 4,000 Missourians with mental retardation and developmental disabilities were moved to waiting lists for residential and other care.
- 37,000 Missouri parents with low-paying jobs lost eligibility for state-subsidized health insurance, and likely are now without any protection from catastrophic medical bills.

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