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LEGISLATIVE ACTION ALERT



AX THE BEVERAGE TAX

EXCLUSIVE: Teamsters 830 leader says 155 laid off thanks to Phila. Beverage Tax

In an exclusive letter to the editor, Daniel H. Grace, of Teamsters Local 830, calls for more action to be taken against the Philadelphia Beverage Tax.

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It's no surprise to Teamsters Local 830 or our colleagues in the beverage industry that revenue generated by Philadelphia's reviled beverage tax has been much less than the city projected. We predicted it.

The city brought in **about \$6.5 million in beverage tax revenue in April**, which is a significant 7% drop from March when tax revenue hit \$7 million.

Meanwhile, the job loss carnage we predicted long ago has hit with a vengeance – 155 of my hard working members have been laid off as a result of tanking sales of beverages in the city due to this onerous tax. That's 155 Philadelphia families who are now struggling to make ends meet. And that's just our job losses; there have undoubtedly been hundreds of additional layoffs at the beverage companies, supermarkets and convenience stores throughout the city, just as we predicted.

Teamsters Local 830 and our beverage industry partners hope to prevail in court and kill this economically destructive tax.

Let your anger be known – go to www.axthebevtax.com to learn how.

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