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For Californians it's big news, the legislature raised the price of a gallon of gas by 12 cents, bringing the total state tax to 37 cents a gallon. Add this to the federal tax of 18 cents and you get nearly 56 cents. (Bankrate.com)

The newspapers proudly report that Gov. Jerry Brown says the tax hike will only cost drivers as much as 10 dollars per month and will be offset by new, shiny repaired roads.

Most people should be skeptical about whether or not this money goes to the roads and bridges. Looking at the 2014 to 15 budget, Under Brown's rule the state has increased it's overall spending-- over 252 Billion dollars, a whopping 16% increase. Yet, we have never heard the governor once complain about government waste. What does that mean to you?

Well, it means that he is more interested in taking the money out of your pocket than making sure he spends Tax dollars wisely. He is a Tax and Spend sort of Democrat. The sort of person that our country voted to reject last year. As the rest of the nation moves on toward brighter economic and social futures, California is tone-deaf to the change, instead focused on doubling down on debt, issuing new sorts of government cheese to this group and that, and not having a care in the world about the crumbling state economy.

And before you tell to wait and see if Governor brown uses the money to fix the roads....This just in! Los Angeles Daily News reports that the Assembly Constitutional Amendment 5 which has strong language protecting the direction of these funds, has a quiet clause that allows for any and all edits to be made, with the language (quote) as those sections read on January 1st 2018...(unquote)

The Tax and Spending, the dishonesty is going to cost our state dearly. It seems like whenever I login to Facebook, I will see an acquaintance who is leaving for greener pastures. I have customers who have been leaving over the last few years as well. While those examples are anecdotal, and take them as you will, it just makes sense that you can only poke, prode and gouge people for so long.

While Brown assures us the new cost will be less than 10 dollars a month, that money is very important to folks on a budget.

There is a great organization called the Tax Foundation, and every year they publish a study of the top 10 and worst 10 States in which to do business. They rank the states in terms of best income tax, corporate tax and sales tax. If you are struggling to find work in this state, than I suggest you check it out. States like Wyoming, Texas and Nevada are hungry for some of the Golden Goose that California has strangled.

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