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GUEST COLUMN

Democrats Don't Need a 30-Year Tax Extension to Fund Police - They Need to Cut the Fat

(Annie Black) – If there's one thing most of us can agree on, it's that we want safe neighborhoods. And yes, that means having enough police officers on the street.

But there's a right way—and a wrong way—to pay for it.

Right now, lawmakers in Carson City are considering Senate Bill 451, which would extend a “temporary” property tax voters approved back in 1996.

The tax, a 20-cent charge on every \$100 of assessed property value, was sold to the public as a short-term way to fund more cops in Las Vegas and Clark County.

That tax was supposed to expire in 2027. But if SB451 passes, it won't.

Instead of letting voters decide whether to keep it, lawmakers want to extend it another 30 years—until 2057—and let the county commission approve it without a vote of the people.

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