Eric, Shelley, Tom, Dan K and Annette, Dan and Sharon B and Grandma Delores were all protesting against new taxes ($11 billion in new taxes) on your behalf in Olympia on Monday. (in the cold fog literally)

There were two opposing rallies. The "Yes for NEW Taxes" group arrived after our protest. They bussed loads of paid supporters to the steps of the Capital. We stayed around and saw them get off the buses and line up for instructions. Each bus load of supporters of "for higher taxes" had some common trait appearances, that is all I will say.
We also saw a "for NEW taxes" supporter with her stroller age baby. The baby had no socks or shoes and her feet were exposed to the foggy, cold 39 degree air and they were blue. Seriously! The women in my group all stopped and encouraged her to get the baby’s feet covered with something like mom’s gloves that were on top of the stroller and wrap them in her only blanket. We kept standing there and she made a feeble attempt to wrap the baby’s feet in the blanket. We were all layered in many clothes and some still had cold feet as we were leaving, This young mother was just arriving.

OLYMPIA UPDATE

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WELL, FAIRLY GOOD-SIZED CROWD today in Olympia – 3 – 4,000. Dori Monson did a great job, good to see other talk show folks stepping up to the plate. The fight continues and we must never give in.

The takers and spenders got 6,000, or so at their event the press reports. Of course many were paid to be there while many of you worked to pay them. State workers, teachers, social workers and other state bureaucrats had a holiday today, so many got paid to demonstrate to take more of your money today. Many wore union T-Shirts and I found it illuminating that there were more socialist newspapers than American flags at their rally.

I am now state director of Americans for Prosperity, a large nationwide grass roots group that defends limited, Constitutional government and the free market. We need you to sign up and help us all. You can check out www.americansforprosperity.org; costs nothing to join and we are not intended to replace any other group but to help bring us all together. Let me know if any questions, kirbywilbur@hotmail.com.

Oath of Resistance

I will not cede more power to the state.

I will not willingly cede more power to anyone, not to the state, not to General Motors, not to the CIO. I will hoard my power like a miser, resisting every effort to drain it away from me. I will then use my power, as I see fit. I mean to live my life an obedient man, but obedient to God, subservient to the wisdom of my ancestors; never to the authority of political truths arrived at yesterdad at the voting booth.

—Up From Liberalism, William F. Buckley Jr.