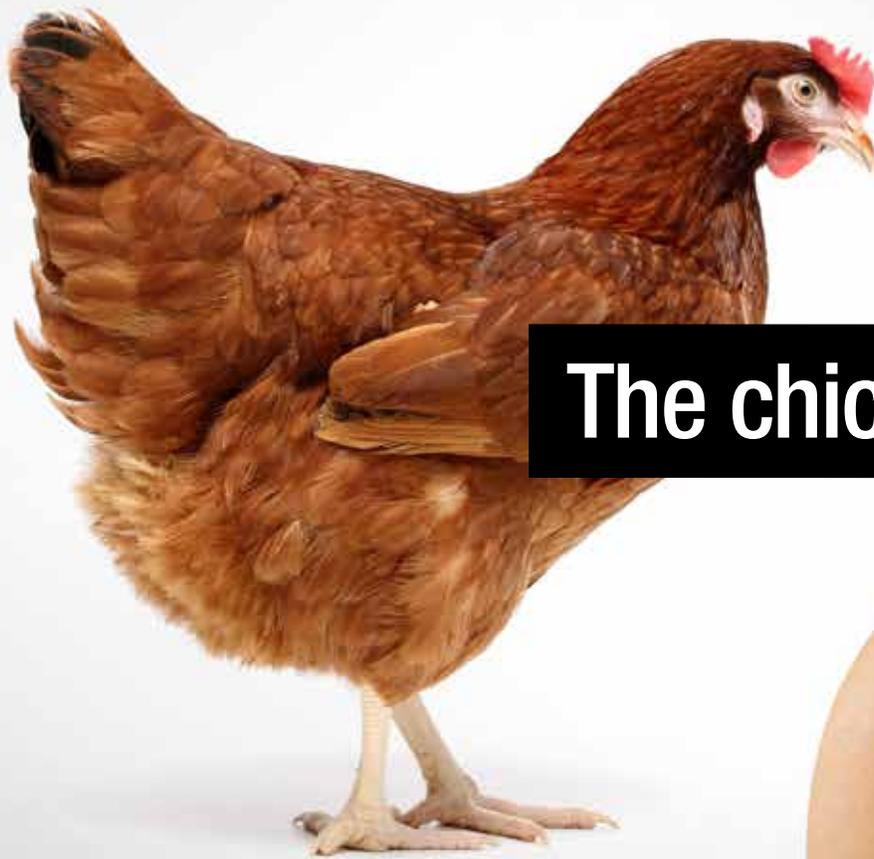


**Which will they tax first?**



**The chicken?**



**Or the egg?**

# The tax loophole means local governments can tax anything in your grocery cart. You can close it.

## Vote Yes on Initiative 1634 and stop new grocery taxes.

Even the Seattle Finance Director concedes that the new tax could lead to higher prices on basic necessities like meat and poultry.<sup>1</sup>

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### Voting YES on Initiative 1634 would stop new taxes from spreading like the one recently passed in Seattle.

**Closes the grocery tax loophole.** Washington currently doesn't tax groceries but a loophole in the law allows local governments to apply a tax to our food and beverages. As stated in the voter pamphlet, the Office of the Attorney General confirms "Initiative 1634 would prevent local governments from imposing or collecting any new tax, fee, or other assessment on certain grocery items... This would include, for example, meat, produce, grains, dairy products, nonalcoholic beverages, spices, and condiments, among other things."<sup>2</sup>

**Protects working families.** When it comes to taxes, Washington ranks as one of the most regressive states in the country, meaning hard-working families in our state have it especially hard. Taxing basic necessities like groceries would mean the same families would bear even more of the burden.

**Enough is enough.** Again and again, politicians are nickel and diming us at every turn with new taxes. It's time for this to stop.



## Return your ballot by November 6.

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