



***Grassroots coalition delivers thousands of letters to City Council from business owners and individuals opposing the grocery tax***

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The Philadelphians Against The Grocery Tax coalition delivered more than 25,000 letters and petitions today to City Council members from individuals and local business owners across Philadelphia expressing their opposition to the regressive grocery tax proposal. If passed, the tax would dramatically increase the prices of more than one thousand products.

“This new tax would hit restaurants like mine very hard,” said Anne McNally, owner of McNally’s Tavern in Chestnut Hill. “We already have to pay the 10 percent liquor by the drink tax and the 8 percent sales tax. This would only add insult to injury. Our business operates on small margins and relies on beverage sales.”

At 3-cents per ounce, the tax would cause the prices of many beverages to double. The tax on a common 2-liter priced at \$1.79 would be \$2.04, more than the cost of the product. The cost of a 20-can family pack would go from \$5.99 to \$13.19 with the additional tax of \$7.20.

More than 1,300 businesses and more than 25,000 individuals have joined the Philadelphians Against the Grocery Tax coalition in opposition to the discriminatory grocery tax proposal. In addition to the letters delivered today, coalition members have reached out to Council Members tens of thousands of times – through phone calls, e-mails and visits – to register their concerns about a tax that would hurt Philadelphia families and small businesses.

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*Philadelphians Against the Grocery Tax is a broad coalition of more than 25,000 concerned citizens and hundreds of businesses owners, movie theaters, and community organizations actively opposing the city’s proposed new grocery taxes. To learn more about the Philadelphians Against the Grocery Tax coalition, visit [www.NoPhillyGroceryTax.com](http://www.NoPhillyGroceryTax.com).*

Following are photos of Coalition members distributing letters and petitions to City Council.



