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### **Ax the Bev Tax Coalition Responds to Beverage Tax Collection Numbers**

The Ax the Bev Tax Coalition issued the following statement in response to beverage tax collection numbers released by Philadelphia today, as well as baseless attacks by Mayor Kenney on Philadelphia families and businesses:

“Regardless of how much money the administration says it collected in the first month of this tax, the pain Philadelphia families and businesses are feeling is very real. The beverage tax is causing prices on thousands of items to skyrocket, sending shoppers outside the city and forcing steep declines in sales. This in turn hurts the restaurants, supermarkets and corner stores that are the cornerstones of our communities. This steep drop-off in sales is already causing layoffs and a reduction in hours in family-sustaining, union jobs. For the working families paying drastically higher prices and the businesses impacted by the tax, the pain is only going to worsen over time.”

*The Ax the Bev Tax Coalition is a partnership between Philadelphia families and businesses negatively impacted by the city’s new regressive beverage tax. For information more visit [www.axthebevtax.com](http://www.axthebevtax.com).*

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