

**From:** [Elaine McCloskey](#)  
**To:** [Justin Abbruzzese](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Raising Income Tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 9:51:00 AM

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Thank you for your email. I will forward this on to City Council and staff for their review. If you would like this to be part of the public record at the upcoming meeting I will need your address as well.

Thank you,

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From: Justin Abbruzzese <[justinabbz@icloud.com](mailto:justinabbz@icloud.com)>  
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 8:54 PM  
To: Elaine McCloskey <[EMcCloskey@delawareohio.net](mailto:EMcCloskey@delawareohio.net)>  
Subject: Raising Income Tax

Hello. My name is Justin Abbruzzese and I have been a resident of the city of Delaware for almost 20 years. I love this city and have seen it really grow into something very special in the last two decades. One thing I'm starting to notice however, is the rising costs throughout the city. Most recently there's been discussions about substantially raising the rates on the parking meters. Now the possibility of raising the income tax rate.

Raising rates at a time when inflation is at the highest it's been since I was a child is not only impressively poor judgment, but also extremely counterproductive for the city as a whole.

My family tries to frequently our local businesses as much as possible. We really enjoy downtown Delaware and all it has to offer. That being said, it's getting more and more difficult to justify non essential expenditures, and raising the income tax only compounds the issue.

My other concern is why there is a need for an income tax increase? Is our current budget in the red? If so, can we possibly cut back in some areas until things level back out?

It seems our entire country is on a spending spree at the moment, one we can certainly not afford. It would be a sorry shame if this great city started to follow down the same sort of path, a path that will lead nowhere good.

Thank you for your time and thank you for your consideration from a concerned constituent.

All the best.

J. Abbruzzese

**From:** [Gillen, Lisa](#)  
**To:** [Elaine McCloskey](#)  
**Subject:** Raising income tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 12:28:06 PM  
**Importance:** High

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PLEASE, what ever you do, please do not raise income tax. My husband and I have worked at good jobs all our lives, never miss work and still work, raised our 3 kids to be very responsible citizens and owned 3 separate homes. I honestly have to say that this time around, I have no idea what we are going to do. We have never bought or spent above our budget, have a great credit score and took great care to always pay what we owe along with our church tithes.

We bought a moderately small home in town this past September and had to pay way more than we ever should have for the home, have daily issues paying for everything else like groceries, etc. Income taxes, school taxes, taxing our pay, and taxing everything we purchase is helping to put us over the edge.

My GOD teaches us to render therefore unto Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's, which means pay your taxes, but when is enough enough.

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**From:** [Elaine McCloskey](#)  
**To:** [Karyl McManes](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Raising income tax  
**Date:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 9:49:00 AM

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Thank you for the email. I will be happy to forward this on to staff and to City Council. I will need for you to please submit your name and address if you would like this entered into the record at the upcoming meeting.

Thank you,

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**Subject:** Raising income tax

With the thousands upon thousands of new houses already built and being built it would seem to me that there should be plenty of tax income coming in. We are already one of the highest taxed counties in the surrounding area. Maybe better management of the funds at hand should be addressed?

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