

## Ballot Argument Signature Statement

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**The undersigned author(s) of the:**

- Argument in Favor of
- Argument Against
- Rebuttal to the Argument in Favor of
- Rebuttal to the Argument Against

Ballot measure letter H, to be voted on at the (Primary or General) election to be held on \_\_\_\_\_ in the County of Butte, and hereby state that this argument is true and correct to the best of his/her/their knowledge and belief.

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## Rebuttal to Argument In Favor of Measure H

Measure H proponents claim revenues would be used for specific purposes but have no guarantee since H is a general measure. A general measure goes into the General Fund, with no restrictions on spending. A special tax levied for a specific purpose requires 2/3's voter approval.

Sales tax applies to "basic necessities" - clothes, shoes, school supplies, non-prescription medicines, hygiene and household products, gasoline, car repairs, even haircuts. The 2022-23 budget projects \$28,800,000 in sales tax receipts, \$8,000,000 in Utility Users Tax, \$3,700,000 more in franchise fees from PG&E and garbage bills. "Visitors" contribute \$3,500,000 in bed tax. Of \$4,800,000 in gas tax received last year, only \$2,500,000 was budgeted toward all capital expenditures, including road maintenance. Where does the money go?

Proponents admit H will not provide enough revenue to do needed maintenance, instead it will be used to secure grants. Grants are restricted to certain uses, like bike bridges and roundabouts. They are competitive, and must be matched, creating more debt.

Proponents claim budget shortfalls, blaming the Camp Fire and COVID. In truth, refugees contributed a \$3 million sales tax surplus in 2019. Property values went up 30%, raising property taxes permanently. The 2023 budget is more than \$68,000,000 larger than the previous budget, much of it from federal pandemic funding.

Chico doesn't have a revenue problem, it's a spending problem. An unrestricted tax can be spent on anything, the promises proponents are making are meaningless. Demand accountability, vote NO on Measure H.