

If CI-97 passes, it will:

- Cut funding for Montana schools, emergency services, and seniors.
- Raise your local property taxes and fees.
- Cut police budgets for fighting meth crimes and force early release of prisoners.

CI-97 fixes nothing

Supporters claim CI-97 is better than the TABOR measure that devastated Colorado. **Don't be fooled.** CI-97 has the same complicated formula that didn't work in Colorado.

Another bad idea

Out-of-state groups sold Montanans on **energy deregulation**—a bad idea that sent our energy bills soaring. Now they're trying to sell us on CI-97. Let's tell them no. Not in Montana!

You can help protect Montana

- **Talk to friends and family.** *Word of mouth works!* Tell people why CI-97 is a bad idea.
- Learn more at www.notinmontana.org.
- **Vote NO** on CI-97. Stop the fraud!

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Not In Montana: Citizens Against

CI-97 is a nonpartisan coalition. Groups that oppose CI-97 (SOS) include:

- Montana State Council of Professional Fire Fighters & Montana Firemen's Assoc.
- Montana Contractors Assoc.
- Montana Nurses Assoc.
- Montana Taxpayers Assoc.
- AARP Montana
- Montana Chamber of Commerce
- League of Women Voters of Montana
- MEA-MFT (teachers & public employees)
- Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies
- Montana State AFL-CIO
- *And many others*

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WARNING:

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WHY IS A NEW YORK MULTI-MILLIONAIRE PLAYING GAMES with your safety, your health, your children's education, and Montana's future?

New York City multi-millionaire Howie Rich* is spending millions of dollars in eight states to push ballot initiatives that endanger public safety and cripple state economies. In Montana, the initiative is called **CI-97**.

Rich and his group spent over \$274,000 on out-of-state signature gatherers, who used **fraud and deception** to get CI-97 on Montana's ballot.



What CI-97 does

CI-97 would radically change Montana's state constitution with a new, complicated, 1,266 word budget formula full of fine

print. It's a **formula for disaster**. It doesn't allow the state to keep up with the real cost of providing public services.

As a constitutional amendment, CI-97 would lock this formula permanently into Montana's constitution.

Montana's constitution already has a simple, nine-word balanced budget requirement.

CI-97 is a political gimmick

that threatens basic services

CI-97 (SOS) promises everything but does nothing to fix real problems. Instead, it would force our state to slash funding for vital public services: **schools, police, firefighters, public health, and roads.**

When state funding drops, it forces officials to **raise your fees and local property taxes.**

CI-97 is modeled after a measure called TABOR, passed in Colorado in 1992. In 2005, Coloradans voted to **suspend** their version of CI-97 because it caused so much damage.

CI-97 is a **proven failure** in the only state that has ever tried it! Twenty-one other states have considered the idea, and they all **rejected** it.



*Montana state Senator Joe Balyeat admitted in a public debate that New York City real estate mogul Howie Rich is the main funder of Montanans In Action (MIA), the front group for CI-97 (*Yellowstone Public Radio 9/21/06*). Trevis Butcher of MIA stated in court that the vast majority of funding for CI-97 comes from out-of-state sources (*Great Falls Tribune 9/9/06*).

What happened in Colorado

Colorado is the only state with a measure like CI-97. Under Colorado's version of CI-97:

- Towns had to freeze **firefighter** hirings, despite rapid population growth.
- Public K-12 **schools and higher education** saw severe funding cuts.
- **Senior citizens** lost their property tax exemption and prescription drug assistance.
- Roads and highways **deteriorated**.
- The share of low-income **children without health insurance doubled**.
- Colorado fell from 24th to 50th in the nation in children receiving full **vaccinations**.
- Funding for the Colorado **Dept. of Agriculture** was cut by nearly 50%.
- Fees such as fishing and hunting licenses, car registration, and water user fees **rose drastically**.
- The cost to taxpayers far **outweighed** any rebates received!

Better safe than sorry. VOTE NO on CI-97. Stop the fraud!