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To: Joe Hafner < joeforjonesboro@gmail.com >

Mr. Hafner, I'm so sorry I haven't responded earlier to your reply to me. Life gets very busy for me in the summer. I do appreciate your explanation. It answered exactly what I was asking about. It was interesting that your explanation also helped my economics instructor friend whom I had apparently confused with my question. (Frequently, English majors don't do as well dealing with numbers as they do with words.) Although I am not happy about the percentage increase in light of Arkansas's sales tax ranking, it is good that the increase might not have as damaging effect as we had originally feared. The Tea Party has always had as its concern, the effect of taxes and laws/regulations on those least able to cope with them.

We still have some questions about this proposal, but unfortunately, I won't be able to be at the upcoming meeting to ask them. Possibly some others at the meeting will have similar questions that the council can answer.

Thank you again for your response.

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