

## MTEF HELPS YOU STAY IN CHARGE OF TAXES YOU PAY

MTEF was organized to provide information and education programs about Maryland taxes. Based on the premise of *President James Madison* that a people who would govern themselves must have the knowledge to do so.

MTEF has co-sponsored four Maryland Institutes on State Budget Analysis. MTEF researches basic tax issues to provide the Taxpayers with information that will assist them make decisions about proper levels of State government spending, the tax rates and types of taxes that are "best."



MTEF will provide information and results of research to news organizations, opinion leaders, legislators, other elected officials and its contributors.

A copy of our annual report is available on request.



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# MARYLAND TAX EDUCATION FOUNDATION



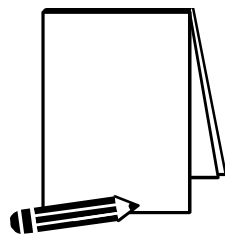
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## Research of Tax Issues Requires Collecting and Analyzing Lots of Data: This takes Time and Expertise.

MTEF needs enough resources to collect the data. Budget books, legislative reports, and tax information needed to study the tax issues most important to Marylanders could fill a large room.

MTEF needs to have experts review and analyze the available data and develop policy options that will resolve the issues in conformance with MTEF's goals.

MTEF is governed by a Board of Directors from which officers are elected annually to serve the purposes of the Board.



MTEF educates the Taxpayer on the options.

Contributions to MTEF are tax deductible under the Internal Revenue Code as MTEF has been approved by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) organization. A copy of MTEF's approval letter is available on request. This means you can help educate others about taxes and take a tax deduction.

### Pension Doubts

Will state government workers actually receive the greatly enhanced pension benefits promised to them after the current Governor and Legislature are gone. Federal law requires private employers to have the money available, but does it make the State do the same? In twenty years, will the pension fund deficit still exist. MTEF will research and demonstrate the facts.

## Property Taxes

How can elderly and others on fixed incomes continue to pay more and more property taxes? What can be done in Maryland to allow these people to keep their homes? Do businesses pay adequate property taxes?

MTEF believes you deserve the information to answer these questions.

### Project \$1.1 Billion Recovery

MTEF is providing administrative support to this important effort that challenges the legal fees being charged to Maryland Taxpayers for representation in the State's lawsuit and settlement with the Tobacco Companies.

When the State's lawyer refused to follow the Attorney General's direction in the suit and refused to go the special fund set up for attorney fees, lawsuits were filed. The work done, the State argued to the arbitrators, was worth nearly \$28 million. Tobacco company lawyers told the arbitrators the work was worth \$128 million. But the State's lawyer wants \$1.1 Billion after breaching the contract with the State in several ways. MTEF agrees a proper fee should be determined by the Courts under Rule 1.5.

MTEF is looking for funds to make this issue come out better for the Taxpayers. If you want to support Project \$1.1 Billion Recovery mark your check "Tobacco Case."

### Unconstitutional Taxes

Is spending surplus tax revenues constitutional? Does Maryland have spending under proper controls? What happened to the balanced budget concept that was sold to the people? What about taxes that are defined as "service charges," "fees," and "benefits." From property taxes to income taxes, there are real issues needing study and action.

## Tax Deductible Contribution Form

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