

WHAT WOULD THE TAX DO?

Seattle Mayor Ed Murray has proposed a 1.75-cent-per-ounce tax on pre-sweetened beverages, including both regular and diet sodas. A similar but lower 1.5-cent-per-ounce tax was implemented in Philadelphia on January 1, 2017, and the effects on Teamster jobs in the Beverage Industry have been DEVASTATING.

IMPACT ON TEAMSTER JOBS IN PHILADELPHIA:

- Beverage companies have seen their sales decrease between 40%-54%.
- Pepsi Philadelphia announced layoffs of between 80-100 employees.
- Coca-Cola has initiated layoffs of 30% of its Philadelphia workforce.
- Canada Dry/7-UP and Dr. Pepper has initiated layoffs of 35 employees.
- Teamster commissioned salespersons for Pepsi have seen their weekly take home pay decrease between 50% to 70%.

TELL THEM TO VOTE NO ON THE SODA TAX!

