



Washington State has the resources to build communities where all can thrive. Everyday people shouldn't be burdened by property and sales taxes. The wealthiest among us should pay their fair share.

Balancing Washington's Tax Code

By now, it's common knowledge that Washington State has "the most regressive tax code in the nation." Often times, we don't stop to breakdown what that really means:

Washington pays for public amenities with revenue: social services, wages for caregivers, environmental projects, affordable housing, and public service employees all depend upon taxpayer money – not just to stay afloat, but to thrive. To pay for our collective needs, we assess sales taxes, property taxes, and collect various licensing and registration fees from residents of our state.



When we neglect to tax the wealth of major corporations and a small cadre of exceedingly wealthy individuals, we leave money on the table that can strengthen our state even more.

At Poverty Action Network, we support the efforts of lawmakers to build a fairer tax code – one where working people and everyday Washingtonians don't pay more into public funds than billionaires and big businesses. We work in community with the Balance Our Tax Code coalition to identify and pursue progressive revenue solutions – i.e., taxes that don't those with the fewest resources hardest.

A progressive tax code would make Washington a truly progressive state.