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Cabela's tax break is shameful, unfair

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A Sunday Business section [Aug. 6] featured another glowing report regarding Cabela's hunting and fishing store that will be built near Boomtown.

The story described a store that had opened recently in Glendale, Ariz., and how people had camped out all night, to be among the first in line.

The story went on to say that Cabela's has 15 stores in other cities and are planning to build 13 new stores and how successful these Cabela's stores are, drawing hundreds of thousands of shoppers each year.

In order to appease Cabela's, the city of Reno is willing to allow Cabela's to pocket the sales tax for the next 20 years.

It's my understanding, that the city of Reno is proposing to place a question on the November ballot to increase the sales tax to pay for emergency services (fire and police).

Reno will generously give our sales tax to Cabela's then turn around and ask the taxpayers to increase the sales tax. No way.

Just how stupid do you think we are?

If the city of Reno should even think about increasing the sales tax in the next 20 years, they should hide their face in shame.

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