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[CE SBAC] Optics

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I note that several emails on the SBAC correspondence page include concerns about people getting the opposition riled up. Part of the problem is the optics issues the committee creates itself.

On Feb 1, the effects on taxes were not available, and a verbal commitment was made that it would be ready the next week. Was it? No, it didn't become available until the final day for people to give their inputs. Then today "For immediate release", an announcement that it is available. A day too late.

Worse, the SBAC decision is scheduled for today. Clearly there is insufficient time for the SBAC to consider citizen input (considering how long it took to digest the tax info). Those optics just say you don't care what the taxpayers think.

Combine that with the wording of the survey, which read like it was written to fish for the desired answer. The Harriman presentation read like someone had stuck it together at lunch, it was clear no one read it for errors.

I don't know what the right answer is, but it is pretty clear the answer isn't likely to come from this process.

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