

Professor of Economics at the University of Central Florida and Chair of the College of Business' Masters Program Rebutts Our Opponents' False Claims About Amendment 4's Economic Impact

Earlier in the year, the opponents of Florida Hometown Democracy Amendment 4 commissioned a study by the Washington Economic Group that made a series of over-the-top assertions, exaggerations and misstatements about the impact of our proposal on the Florida jobs market.

Two well-respected economists from the University of Central Florida, Dr. Mark Soskin and Dr. Bradley Braun, have reviewed that study. They find absolutely no validity in any of the Washington Economic Group's (WEG) projected impacts of Amendment 4 on the Florida economy.

Both professors teach and do research at the University of Central Florida, where professor Soskin also serves at the Chair of the College of Business' Masters Program.

The study is summarized here:

- On the specific jobs conclusions: **“WEG lacks any concrete evidence connecting Amendment 4 with the loss of even a single net job in the state.”**
- On methodology: **“WEG’s report lacks the quantitative data required to generate any impact estimates. The direct impact data is invented in a classic “garbage in, garbage-out” exercise of pseudo-science.”**
- On general conclusions: **“We definitively conclude without reservation that none of the WEG Report impact forecasts contain any useful information, and their findings should be entirely disregarded as irredeemably flawed.”**

To set up an interview with Dr. Soskin, please contact Hometown Democracy YES on Amendment campaign manager Julie Hauserman at 850-656-2498 or jhscoop@earthlink.net