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**INVESTMENT IN AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF GOVERNMENT**

**WHEREAS** the public’s trust in government is eroding as evidenced by polling data and an increasing number of citizen initiatives that erode representative democracy, and

**WHEREAS** it is not wise public policy to view taxes simply as something to be cut rather than an investment to be optimized, and

**WHEREAS**, while it is important to make investments in appropriate government services, it is equally important to ensure accountability in the administration of those services;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 believes that

- Elected officials should strategically identify budget investments that will produce a significant return for tax dollars invested, generate long-term public benefits, or avoid future costs.
- All publicly-financed entities should provide an annual performance report including stated goals and objectives, progress in meeting those goals and objectives, and a simplified financial report.
- A comprehensive review of Colorado’s tax structure should be conducted to ensure equity between all taxpayers.
- An internet-based interactive taxpayer information system should be created to enable citizens to understand how their tax dollars are being spent.

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