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**Blue Ribbon Tax Structure Commission**

**AGENDA**

**133 State Street 4th Floor Board Room & Basement Conference Room**

**March 14, 2010 - March 20, 2010**

The Commission will meet from 9:00 a.m. to Noon in the 4th Floor Board Room at 133 State Street. The Commission will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Basement Conference Room at 133 State Street.

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| 9:00 AM  | <b>Overview of Consumption Taxes</b><br>Patrick Walsh, Ph.D, Professor of Economics, Saint Michael's College  |
| 10:00 AM | <b>Sin Taxes: The Taxation of Sugar Sweetened Beverages</b><br>Kelly Brownell, Professor of Psychology, Co-Founder and Director of The Rudd Center for Food Policy and Obesity, Yale University |
| 11:00 AM | <b>Sales Taxation of Services: Options and Issues</b><br>Michael Mazerov, Senior Fellow, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities   |
| 12:00 PM | <b>Lunch</b>  |
| 1:00 PM  | <b>Vermont's Consumption Taxes</b><br>Michael Costa, Staff Director, Blue Ribbon Tax Structure Commission   |
| 1:30 PM  | <b>Selected Pending Tax Legislation</b>   |

Michael Costa, Staff Director, Blue Ribbon Tax  
Structure Commission

2:00 PM

**Long Term Trends in the Vermont Economy**

Herb Kessel, Ph.D, Professor of Economics, Saint  
Michael's College

3:00 PM

**Sin Taxes: When the State Becomes the Sinner**

Andrew Haile, Professor, Elon University School of  
Law