

Poll: voters want to keep booze tax

58% oppose repeal of tax on alcohol

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BOSTON (WWLP) - New poll results reveal that the majority of Massachusetts voters oppose repealing the alcohol tax.

The poll, taken by the Campaign for Addiction Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery says 58% of Massachusetts voters are against repealing the state's new tax on alcohol.

To celebrate the results, some 600 people crowded in front of the Grand Staircase at the State House on Tuesday. They would like to see the money from the tax go to a fund for treatment of substance abuse. The campaign's president told 22News that funding recovery is a win for everyone.

"People who are in recovery homes go to work every day. They pay taxes. They're contributing to society. They're helping to support themselves in their treatment," Vic DiGravio said.

If the Governor signs the current budget proposal, this money will go to a special fund for substance abuse. And experts say it will earn about \$110 million in its first year from the alcohol tax.