

How 'bout a tax on bad ideas?

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So Boston City Councilor Rob Consalvo wants to impose a new tax on out--of--town drivers who cause accidents in Boston.

What's next -- a heart attack tax? God forbid some unsuspecting schlub from Quincy makes the mistake of keeling over while headed to work in downtown Boston. Didn't he realize when he was downing cheesesteaks all those years that Boston emergency responders might have to go out of their way to save his life?

Consalvo has cooked up some lame rationale about expending city resources on irresponsible out--of--towners while city residents see their taxes go up, but this is just the latest effort to balance the city's books on the backs of the very people who feed our economy.

Sort of flies in the face of the whole "mutual aid" theory, now, doesn't it.