

In 2012 29.1 million Americans were diagnosed with diabetes and of those, about 208,000 adolescents were living with diabetes. The government has been trying to find ways to stop the growth of these numbers. It has been proposed to turn Americans away from sugary drinks through cost. **Sugary drinks should be of extra cost to the consumer resulting in a possibly healthier nation and stronger health care system. (THESIS)**

Taxing sugary drinks could help the country health wise and economically. (TOPIC SENTENCE) **Taxing citizens penny-by-the-ounce could persuade them to make healthier choices. (Concrete Detail)** For instance, by charging one tax on sugary drinks it would cause one to have to pay an extraneous amount more than if they paid for a sugar free beverage, making them choose the cheaper route. (Commentary) **Taxing drinks could also help the economy health care wise.(Concrete Detail)** For example, it has been expected that if the bill passes though, \$14.9 billion would be raised for health care initiatives. (Commentary) In conclusion, putting a tax on sugary beverages would be both beneficial to not only the government but to average citizens also.

Sugary beverages are drinks that many people consume on a regular basis. Even though they are harmful to people's bodies, they continue to consume these sodas. An effort to eliminate these beverages has been brought to attention, by putting a tax of one penny on each ounce of soda. Taxing sugary beverages would bring down the consumption of soda, which would lead to weight loss, reduced health risks, and more money for health care.

Raising money for health care would help our country greatly at this point in time. The tax would “raise \$14.9 billion in its first year, which could be spent on health care initiatives.” This extra money could help many budgets for health care. Also, “revenue from the tax could help pay for Medicaid and Medicare.” Since these programs help treat health problems associated with sugary drinks and from other things, this would help the overall health of America.