

Sample letter to Democratic Legislators

Dear Assembly Member/Senator _____,

Last December, the California legislature's Democratic majority passed an \$18-billion plan to reduce the state deficit. The governor vetoed that sensible package.

Billions of dollars were already cut from the state budget earlier this year.

Now the governor is proposing even more severe cuts that will devastate millions of poor and middle-class Californians and recklessly hurt the people who need the most help during these tough economic times - women, children, the sick and the elderly.

These cuts would have drastic impacts:

- Nearly two million Californians will lose health insurance, forcing them into already overburdened emergency rooms.
- More than 1 million women and children will be forced onto the streets.
- Over 400,000 seniors and disabled would lose home help and be forced into more expensive nursing and group homes.

Lawmakers need to protect all Californians, stop the severe cuts and pass a sensible budget that includes new revenue.

As your constituent, I call on you to lead this fight for a balanced budget solution and pledge my support for revenues to pay for the programs all Californians depend on.

Yours truly,
